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“Homo” milk debate heats up as family groups denounce dairy industry

MILK TURNS MEN GAY

By Ty Nibrane

A coalition of pro-family groups is suing the dairy industry over its refusal to include testosterone supplements in homo milk.

B. I. (Bill) Thumper, the spokesman for and patriarch of the Alberta Foundation for Fornication-Free Families, told the National Post that the testosterone supplements are “desperately needed to protect our young men from a horrific fate.”

“Tinky Winky was just the tip of the iceberg,” proclaimed Thumper. “We have long known that Bert and Ernie were living in sin. And as for the Smurfs, or Casey and Finnegan — well, the videotapes speak for themselves.”

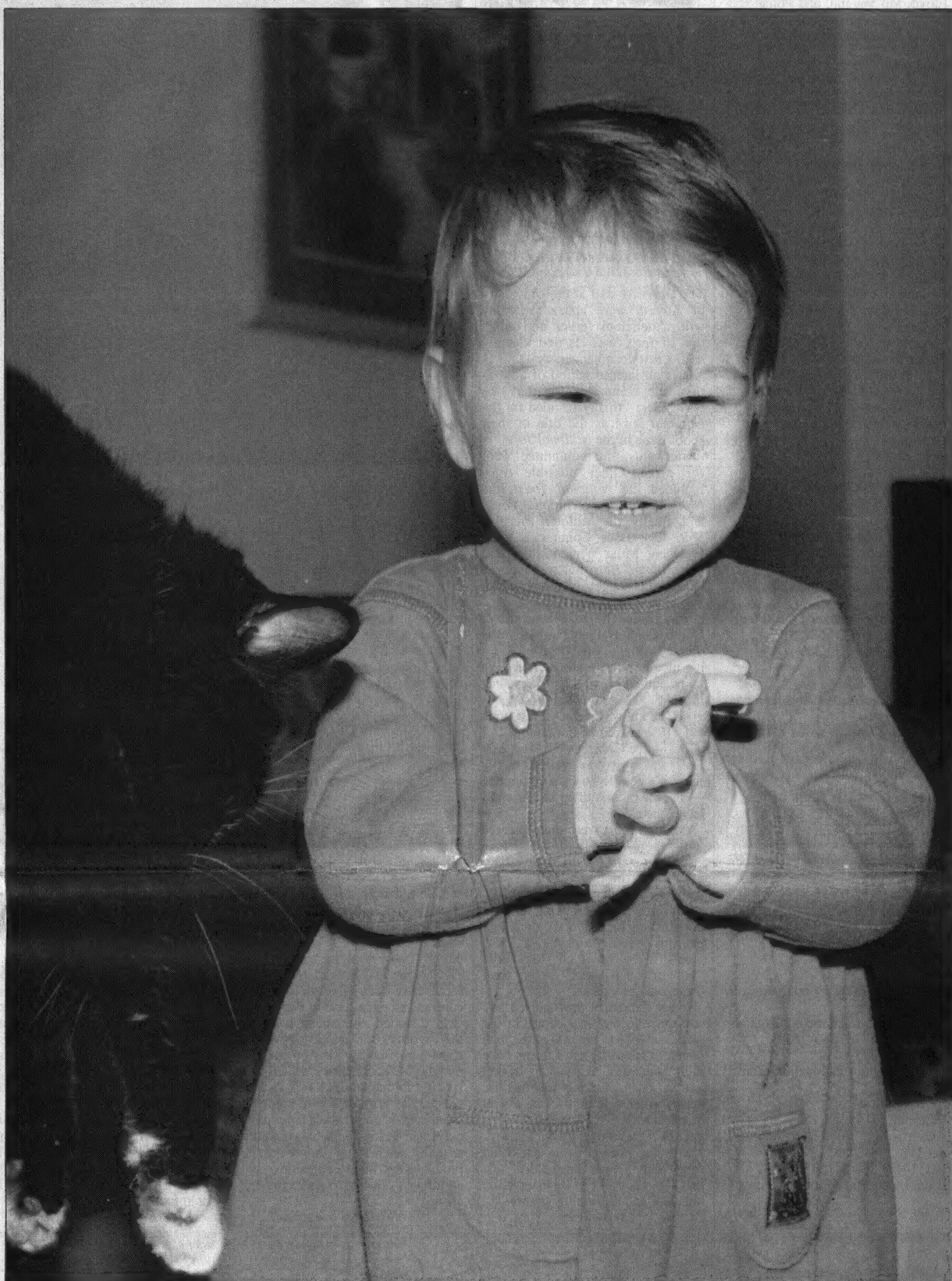
Members of the coalition were thrown out of the Stettler Public Library earlier this month for attempting to burn such provocative titles as *Oliver Twist*, *Treasure Island*, *My Friend Flicka*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. The coalition is also opposed to Calvin Klein ads, boiled hot dogs, and young men’s choirs. “Those choirs... they’re like recruitment centres!” fumed Thumper.

The milk lawsuit has already been overturned once and is now before the Alberta Court of Appeal. On Thursday, coalition supporters and members of the anti-feminist group UNREAL Women appeared before Justice John McClung in bonnets and crinolines in an attempt to boost their case.

Sadly, one woman was sexually assaulted on her way home from the courthouse. According to *National Post* sources, McClung intends to acquit her assailant, a convicted serial rapist, on the grounds that the woman “showed too much ankle,” provoking her attacker to the point that he was “no longer criminally responsible for his manly urges.”

In a related news conference, *National Post* owner Conrad Black announced that *National Post* subscriptions are still available for the fantastic price of only \$6.00 per month. “Great content for the whole family, at bargain prices!” said Black. “Please buy it. Please?”

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Studies have shown that women are most likely to purchase newspapers which feature babies or animals on the cover. Above, baby Sasha plays with Mythos the cat in a suburban Toronto home Wednesday morning. The cat is not dead. She is unhappy, though. For a related story, look elsewhere.

Women and children look to Canada for refuge from Kosovo struggle

CHRETIEN TO THE RESCUE

Foreign Minister eats supper, enjoys dinner roll

By Juliet Williams

Mila Slovoitz has just become a man. The thirteen-year-old girl has broken free from the clutches of her mother’s arms and run towards the rubble that once was the playground of her school. She will not be playing there anymore.

Mila, like thousands of Kosovar refugees, has painfully left behind the places of her childhood to seek a new life in Macedonia. While courageous NATO forces bombard her beloved Kosovos in the name of human rights and freedom, Milo asks a silent question to her unknowing heroes:

“Who can a young girl depend on for defense against a destructive, intolerant force breaking up her homeland and dividing her people by ethnicity?” The answer is simple: the Canadian government.

Prime Minister Jean Chretien made the final decision to send Canadian military personnel to join NATO’s air strike forces after a lengthy discussion with American President Bill Clinton and two advisors with brass knuckles.

Mr. Chretien said that he is proud of the role Canada is playing in the See JIZZ on Page A2

Klein reveals plan to move Edmonton to Calgary

Parkland Institute will be left behind

By Levi Lund

Surrounded by a bevy of contestants vying for the Miss Big-Hair Alberta crown, Alberta Premier Ralph Klein held an impromptu press conference in the lobby of the Legislative building and announced his new plan to move the city of Edmonton to Calgary.

When an Edmonton-based reporter suggested some Edmontonians might not appreciate the move, Klein responded: “This is in the best interest of all Albertans: in Calgary, we’ll only be an hour away from the mountains — and we have things in the works to improve that, too.”

Klein then conceded that if Edmontonians do not support the move, they can start a petition. If 3-million verified signatures are gathered, Klein said, then a non-binding referendum will be held. However, after being pressured to explain what he meant by ‘non-binding,’ Klein admitted that due to the implementation of his party’s redistricting policy designed to give rural constituents greater say in the Legislature, the ultimate power of decision now rests with a single farmer, Merv Ostachuk of Rocky

Mountain House. Mr. Ostachuk, who is wintering in Palm Springs, could not be reached for comment.

“But I don’t see why anyone would not support the move, anyway,” Klein said, as Miss Big-Hair Mayerthorpe, Gerri Manderling, probed his ear with her tongue. “As long as people keep throwing money into VLTs, our gambling revenues can easily pay for anything we want to do.”

Klein added that not all of Edmonton will be moved South anyway. “West Edmonton Mall, the Parkland Institute, and members of Edmonton’s gay community will be left behind,” he said. “We’ll leave the mall because we don’t ever want to touch it again — not that we ever did touch it, as the report I commissioned and presented myself proved — and we’ll leave the Parkland Institute because they’re a bunch of losers that nobody cares about. As for members of Edmonton’s gay community, I have no comment.”

“I’d like to handle members of Edmonton’s gay community,” Alberta Treasurer Stockwell Day said, roller-blading into the lobby. “We just don’t think it’s natural for gays to live in the new SuperCalgary; besides, we feel that the Mall, especially Fantasyland, will provide a good environment for them to start their own little society after we’ve left.”

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Martin still dogged by “lying” tapes

“LIARS” OR “LIGHTER?”

By Camryn Blatchford

OTTAWA • The office of the federal Finance Minister is still in an uproar over a taped conversation in which Paul Martin allegedly described leaders of Canada’s banking industry as “liars.”

The hotly disputed tapes came to attention in a book by Toronto Star reporter Les Whittington, who asked Mr. Martin about the intentions of Canadian bankers who want to merge the country’s chartered banks. Mr. Martin is quoted in Whittington’s book as saying, “I

mean, they all [Canadian bankers] — what the hell, most of these guys — they’re all liars, you know.”

Aides to the Finance Minister hold that Mr. Martin has been “grievously misrepresented,” adding that the sound quality of the tapes “leaves a lot to be desired. You can pretty well interpret anything you want into those tapes.”

Scott Reid, an aide to Mr. Martin, emphasized that the placement of recording equipment in the office during the interview is critical in determining the veracity of the tapes. “They put the recorders on the coffee table here, in front of the couch,” said Mr. Reid, “but Paul, ever since the operation, he likes a firmer chair. Doesn’t hurt him at all, and he says that, in a chair, he never

gets flare-ups.”

Mr. Reid said that the Finance Minister opted to sit on a swivel chair away from the coffee table. “The tape recorders were a mile away, so anything Paulie said, well, I work with the guy and I don’t understand what he’s saying half the time.”

Other participants at the interview say that recorders were three or four feet away from Mr. Martin’s lips.

Mr. Reid was adamant that the tapes ultimately have Mr. Martin referring to Canadian bankers as “rivals,” not “liars.”

Billy Hicks, co-partner at Slim Dog Productions, which specializes in digital audio equipment, examined the tapes in his Ottawa studio, and argued for a different interpretation.

“Now we’ve slowed the tapes down 200% from the original,” said Mr. Hicks. “At that speed you get complete vowel and consonant differentiation, and we think Martin’s saying ‘these guys are lighter, you know.’”

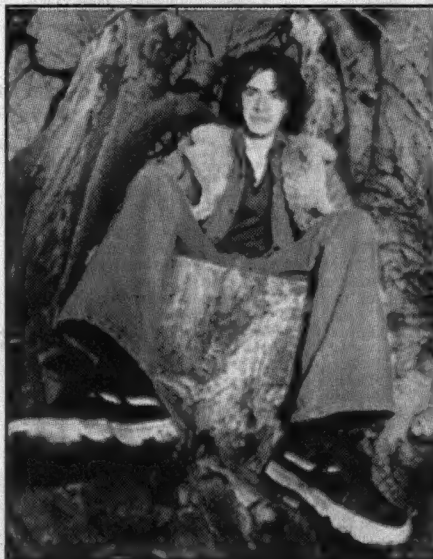
Mr. Hicks’ interpretation has a number of advocates, most notably Danica Scheransky, a Carleton University student who works as an intern for the Finance Minister.

Ms. Scheransky indicated that the tapes are directly related to Mr. Martin’s concern about his intern’s recent weight gain. “You put on twenty pounds, and it’s slower to do the things you used to be able to do quick,” said Ms. Scheransky. “Paul likes his interns, not skinny, no, but, like, trim. So he buys us these low-fat eclairs all the time. Some bakery near Lansdowne Park makes ‘em at 60 calories each.”

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NEWS

West Edmonton Mall declared a Special Place by Alberta government

TEENY-BOPPERS LOVE MOVE

News story gets obscene number of sub-headlines

BY ANNA TOMICAL

West Edmonton Mall will soon become a protected area under Alberta's Special Places program, the *National Joke* has learned.

The move is intended to bring the West Edmonton Mall financing fiasco to a close and appease environmentalists who have long favoured the expansion of the Special Places program. However, Alberta Environment Minister Ty Lund says that the mall will have to make a few changes for it to become eligible for protected status.

"This is a perfect example of wilderness and industry working together," said Lund. "As soon as they slap some ads on those dolphins, cut down the mall trees, and dump toxic waste in the water system, the site will fit right in with our other nature preserves."

Mall officials were only too happy to comply. "If toxic waste doesn't take care of our cockroach problem,

nothing will," commented plumbing coordinator Ivana P. Nyss.

Lund explained that schoolchildren could take geology field trips to the mall parking lot to examine the various pebbles and seagull specimens. When asked about the possible hazards of used condoms, needles, and broken glass, Lund blamed single mothers on welfare for "polluting the ecosystem."

"We plan to issue hunting licences for the McDonalds and Wal-Mart regions. That ought to thin out their ranks and make the area a whole lot nicer for everybody."

Giggling mall rats were hip to the proposed changes. "Like, I think the mall is, like, special, like, too!" gushed Tyffani-Bunni Olafson, 14, while popping out of her crop top. Reporters from the *National Joke* were most impressed.

Other natural sites currently under evaluation in Edmonton include Churchill Square and the Clover Bar landfill. But Lund criticized Edmonton City Council for not opening the River Valley up to forestry and oil development.

Edmonton Mayor Bill Smith was only too happy to rectify that situation. "I drove my Jeep Cherokee through the ravine to get to work this morning!" he beamed. "By golly, I'll blow up buildings myself, it that's what it takes!"

Environmentalists have often

accused Lund of being in the industry's pocket, but Lund vehemently denies taking bribes from any one company. While drinking from a Weyerhaeuser coffee mug, Lund stated that the Special Places were for "the benefit of all industries, equally."

Oil and gas executives cringed at this announcement. One executive, speaking to the *National Joke* on condition of anonymity, had little praise for Lund. "These guys are making even Exxon look good," said M. T. Heddd. "Why can't we go back to the good old days, when the government would mind its own business and leave the environmental destruction to us?"

Meanwhile, the Alberta Government has announced that the next 10 Special Places will be chosen by children. "I declared my house a Special Place," said Ralph Wiggum. Wildlife groups opposed this decision for obvious reasons.

As expected, environmentalists reacted poorly to the West Edmonton Mall announcement — so poorly, in fact, that the Support Network has opened a special Distress Line for the legions of so-called "granola poppers." Also as expected, the Alberta Government threw a party and cut funding to the Distress Line in honour of the occasion.

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Hundreds of young children afflicted with itchy groins

PM COMMISERATES

BY LEVI LUND

Every morning, young Lester Watson feels the pain. As the sun breaks the eastern horizon over Lester's parent's home in Burlington, Ontario, Lester rises and trudges to the bathroom to apply the first of three daily doses of ointment to his jock-itch ravaged groin.

"There's no time of the day when it itches more than any other, it's just itchy all day long," said young Lester, clutching his inflamed genitalia.

As if the trauma of jock-itch weren't enough, young Lester now finds himself in the middle of a national maelstrom. Little Lester is just one of thousands of young Canadian children who suffers from jock-itch. Many health officials across the country are blaming the problem on under-funding for community league sports teams, which forces the young players on these

teams to share equipment.

On some community hockey teams, many youngsters have to exchange equipment on the bench after each shift.

"Yeah, we made a lot of cutbacks," said Eddie Fry, Lester's pee-wee 'C' hockey coach. "This year we're only givin' helmets to guys with really sensitive heads — but, ya know, I never wore no helmet when I played, and it never hurt me none."

All eighteen members of Lester's team have contracted the wretched blight.

"It's a sad sight to see, I tell ya, to see'm all inna dressing room, scrapin' away," Mr. Fry said.

Florence Meadowlark, a Canada Health official, said that it's more than sad — "it a national health crisis, and we have no one to blame but the Feds — what are the Liberals doing to help poor little Lester? Nothing! It makes me rethink why I live in this country. I have friends in Algeria, maybe I'll move there."

Prime Minister Jean Chretien addressed young Lester's problem yesterday in the House of Commons. "When I grow up in

Chicoutimi, I had the itch for nine years. It is a terrible thing, I know. But what can you do? I rub with the cream and with the soap, but still nothing happen. I rub like crazy every day, but I am Canadian and I rub and now I don't have the itch so much."

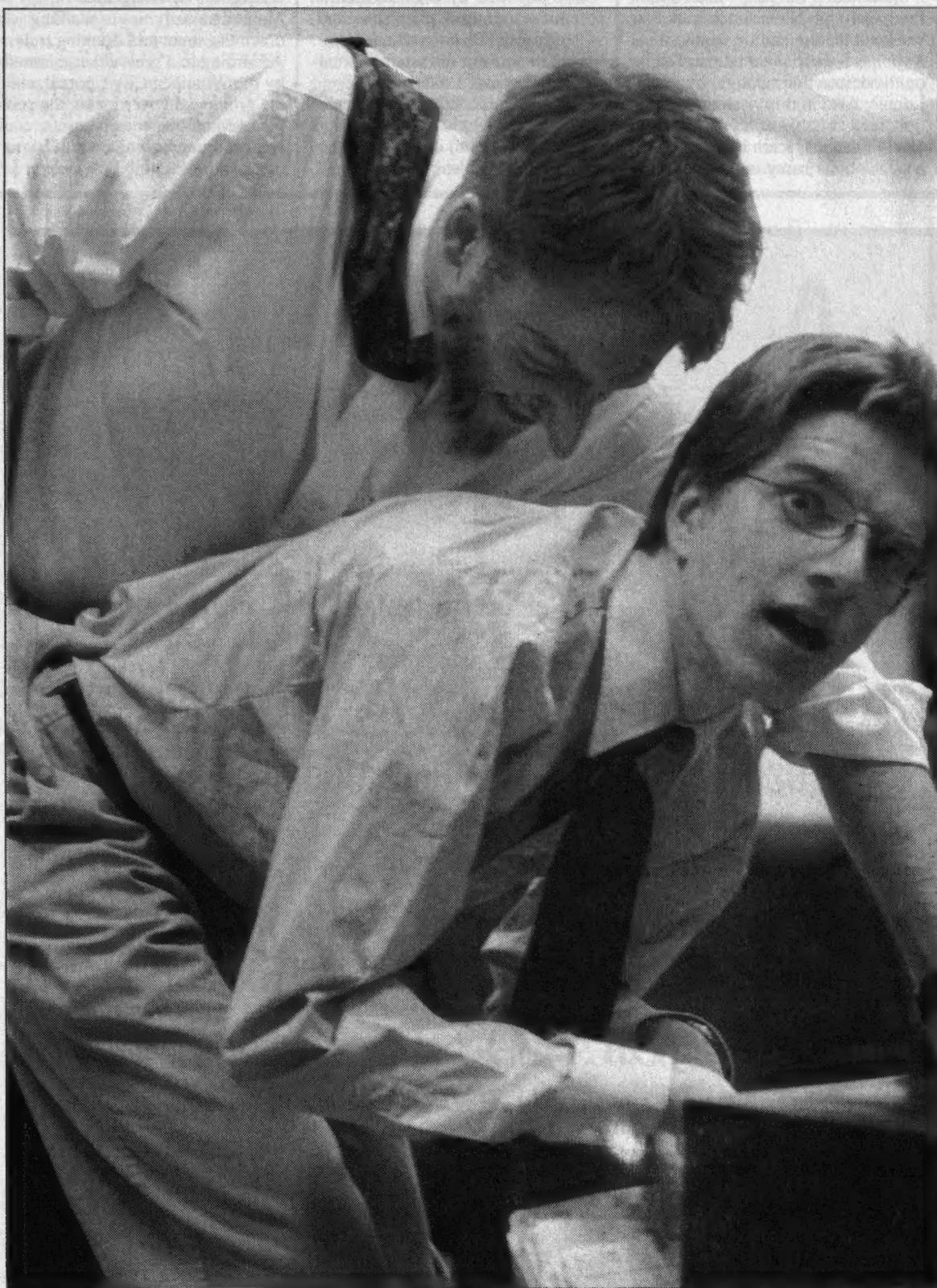
Reform Leader Preston Manning's response was swift, though befuddled. Manning was in Hong Kong advising foreign investors not to spend a dime in Canada until he himself becomes Prime Minister and fixes the Lester Watson imbroglio.

"Does Mr. Chretien think he can get away with ignoring the Lester Watsons of Canada? These poor young Canadians need relief. If I could, I'd apply the ointment to Lester myself . . . well, I mean, I would just be there . . . well, you know what I mean . . . I hope," Mr. Manning said.

Quebec Premier Lucien Bouchard said, "this Lester Watson case is just one more example to show that Anglophones are dirty, filthy people."

And while the politicians launch salvos at one another, little Lester and his teammates continue to claw themselves, hoping relief will come from somewhere . . . anywhere.

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SCREAMING JAPANESE MONKEY / THE MACEWAN JOURNALIST
A Reform Party office staffer is compromised by a high-ranking party whip Wednesday afternoon. The whip claims to have been stressed out over recent United Alternative actions, and, he said, "was seeking a little release." Charges were dropped after someone pointed out that sodomy is not illegal.

Globe and Pail on verge of bankruptcy

JOKE GLOATS LOUDLY

BY SUZANNA CARTER

We have to give them points for trying, but it is painfully clear that the country's other "national" newspaper, the *Globe and Pail*, is not going to be able to stand up financially to the stress inflicted upon it by our fair newspaper, the *National Joke*.

Unconfirmed rumours of the *Globe's* financial difficulty have reached the ears of the *Joke's* publisher and resident God, Conrad

Black.

"Well, of course this wasn't my intention," said the Man, leaning back from his fabulous cedarwood desk, and puffing a Cuban cigar. "I have the most respect for that rag . . . ahem, I mean distinguished paper. I want them to do well."

Black then turned red with suppressed laughter, and had to be given a downer.

"It'll be a shame to lose the only credible source of news this country has," said Prime Minister Jean Chretien, when asked by the *Joke* to comment on this rumour. "I rely strongly on the *Globe* to keep me on my toes about who I shouldn't pepper spray this week, and of course

they fairly and accurately portray me to the good citizens of Canada. I won't miss that."

Preston Manning, Leader of the Official Opposition, disagreed with Chretien.

"If it weren't for that rag, our poor Logan Day would still be allowed in the House. Not to mention the fact that the *Globe* has never fairly represented the views of the West. For that matter, neither has the *Joke*."

Globe publisher Roger P. Parkinson blatantly denied rumours of his imminent financial ruin. "Conrad, is that you? Dammit Conrad, I'm sorry your paper sucks, but please stop calling me."

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PORTRAIT OF A PRAIRIE POLITICIAN

Reform's Garry Blitzkrieg: Canada's Gunslinger

BY ALLYN FOTHERINGHAM
National Affairs

REGINA • Ernie Paskowich adjusts his Gargill elevator cap and steps lightly around a slough on his farm near Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. He points to a dilapidated building on the southern horizon. "That old shack's where I went to school," Paskowich reminisces, "where I met Garry Blitzkrieg."

Paskowich's story is common in this part of the province, where everyone has a tale or two about the current Member of Parliament for Yorkton-Melville.

Garry Blitzkrieg has represented this southeast Saskatchewan riding since 1993, when he and the original group of Reform Party MPs was elected to Ottawa. Blitzkrieg has fashioned himself as the leader of Reform's right-wing, vigorously arguing against government legislation on gun control, and attacking moderate Reformers who seek to form a United Alternative party with the country's Progressive Conservatives.

Yet to many in the Yorkton-Melville region, Blitzkrieg is still just a hometown boy who barely made it through school.

Gloria Shitsley, a social worker at the Broadway Street Halfway House in Yorkton, cannot reconcile today's right-wing Reform MP with the

bashful boy she knew in elementary school.

"Garry sat at the front in that one-room school, Windsor School District #265," Shitsley reflects. "under the portrait of King George VI. I guess from an early age Garry felt that everyone, including God and King, was watching him. That's when he started packing an air gun to school. He just thought people were out to get him."

Emil Ganz, one of Blitzkrieg's farm neighbors, played baseball with him on the Windsor School team. Ganz is amazed at his former teammate's success.

"Sure, Garry had a thing about guns. He'd only let his rifle go when he was up to bat. Poor guy didn't ever want to get too far away from his Winchester. So we'd lob balls to him, high and outside, just to walk him, 'cause he kept the gun in a sack along the first-base line."

Now that I think about it," Ganz says, "Garry used to swing from the left, if you know what I mean."

Former classmates from the University of Saskatchewan, where Blitzkrieg got through a bachelor degree in education, fondly remember the enigmatic man who became MP.

Elsbeth Ross-Kubler, a palliative care nurse at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, recalls the MP as a young man in a biology class. "My friends and I would sometimes be lab partners with Garry."

We'd tease him so, because we knew he couldn't take it. We'd ask him, 'Is that a gun in your pocket, or are you just glad to see us?'"

"Trouble with Garry was, that was

a gun in his pocket."

Walter Sonnenberg, Blitzkrieg's former university roommate, thinks that the media has put too much emphasis on the MP's history with firearms. He thinks that Blitzkrieg has a softer side, although it may be difficult to get close to the man.

"I don't know," says Sonnenberg, "if it's him or just the way he was raised. But it was hard to get near him. I mean, and I say this with all due respect, but he never thought about buying deodorant or anything. It made living difficult at times, especially during those prairie summers."

Art Shymko firmly agrees. The owner of Korn Automotives in Yorkton, Shymko sold Blitzkrieg his first car, a 1967 Dodge Coronet. "That was one helluva test drive," says Shymko. "We were airing out that car for a full week afterwards."

People throughout the Yorkton-Melville region, however, are proud of their MP and happy to have some national attention. Monte Solberg, Reform MP for Medicine Hat and Blitzkrieg's desk-mate in the House of Commons, thinks the people of Yorkton-Melville are lucky.

"With MPs away from their ridings a good 200 days out of the year, people in Yorkton can live with quite a lot of fresh air."

"But seriously," says Solberg, "Garry's a great MP and a decent, principled man. We Reformers think of him as the protector of the conservative part of the political spectrum. But, and this is just between you and me, I think the House of Commons needs a little more Right Guard."

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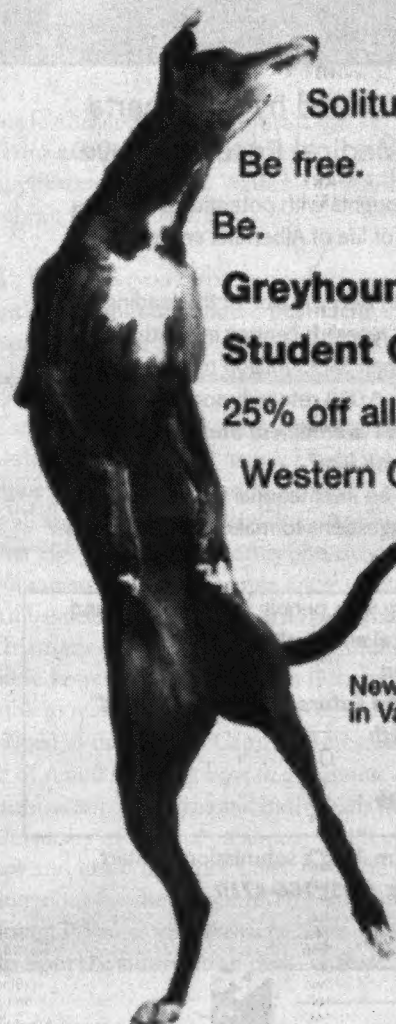
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WEST TO
EAST

B.C. announces \$9T deficit

VICTORIA • Conceding that B.C. was 'hurting' for certain, British Columbia Premier Glen Clark admitted that the province lost over \$9 trillion last year. "It kinda just went," said a weary Mr. Clark, trying to explain the loss. "You know, a couple hundred billion here, a few hundred billion there. In retrospect, I regret the B.C. Mir station and the train-the-squirrels-to-be-postmen projects, but, hey, shit happens. We're older and wiser now."

Alberta hospitals to close, except in Calgary

CALGARY • In a nearly unprecedented move, Alberta Premier Ralph Klein has decided to close all of the provinces hospitals outside of Calgary. "Well, we gotta save money somewhere. After all, I'm going to make this province the Canadian equivalent of the Third Reich, and doing that isn't cheap," explained Klein. Halvar Johnson, Alberta's Minister of Health, agrees completely with his decision. "Klein is God," he said to the *National Joke*. "Most of the people in this province are just whiny babies. Why the hell can't they just stay home and take large doses of Tylenol like

cancer victims in the States? It'd be much more economical that way," Mr. Johnson said. Nancy MacBeth, leader of the Awful Opposition in Alberta, is not entirely sure that this is a bad move. "Oh, what the fuck," she slurred in the lobby of the Alberta Hotel. "It's not like these people had a chance anyway. And God knows Calgary needs the money that all those sick people will bring. It's not like I could do anything to stop him anyway." All buildings currently used as hospitals outside of Calgary will be designated as provincial "Special Places," and will house tributes to Mr. Klein.

Hurricane destroys Regina

REGINA • A freak mid-western hurricane tore through Regina yesterday, killing hundreds of people, and two cats. Hurricane Lonnie also left thousands hurt and homeless. However, due to Regina's struggling economy, most of Lonnie's victims were homeless already. "Thank God it didn't touch Calgary," said Alberta Premier Ralph Klein. Look in our weekend feature edition for the *National Joke* to put a human face on the destruction wrought by Lonnie. Also in this weekend's edition, read about Dorothy Parker's Uncle's cat, and learn how to make peach cobbler using only bananas.

Nude library in Manitoba

GRENA, Man. • A wealthy widow has donated half a million dollars and her deceased husband's giant collection of skin magazines to the Gretna, Man. public library. "He loved his porn so," moaned Ella Montgomery, who was married to he love, Bert, for over 70 years. "Not a day went by when he didn't pull out one of those magazines and violently jerk off. It saved me from having to perform distasteful sexual acts, so of course I didn't mind." Staci Michaels, a student at a local college, was pleased by the gift. "There isn't a lot to do here. Some nudity will be a pleasant diversion."

Manitoba admits it sucks

WINNIPEG • Upset at being known as the most boring province in Canada, Manitobans have decided to take their reputation into their own hands. In a strategy launched Tuesday by the Provincial government, citizens of Manitoba will be encouraged to celebrate their uniqueness by doing such Manitoban activities as walking down the street and drinking milk. According to a press release issued by the Winnipeg City Council and the provincial government, the people of Manitoba enjoy sunsets, weekends, and going on holiday to other, more exciting provinces.

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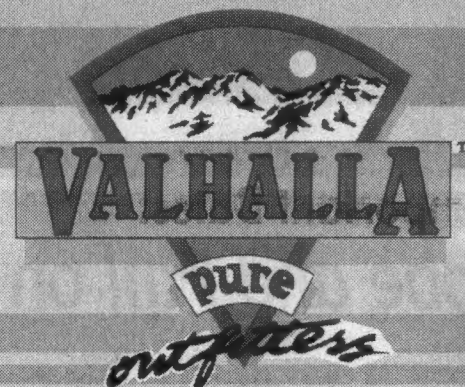
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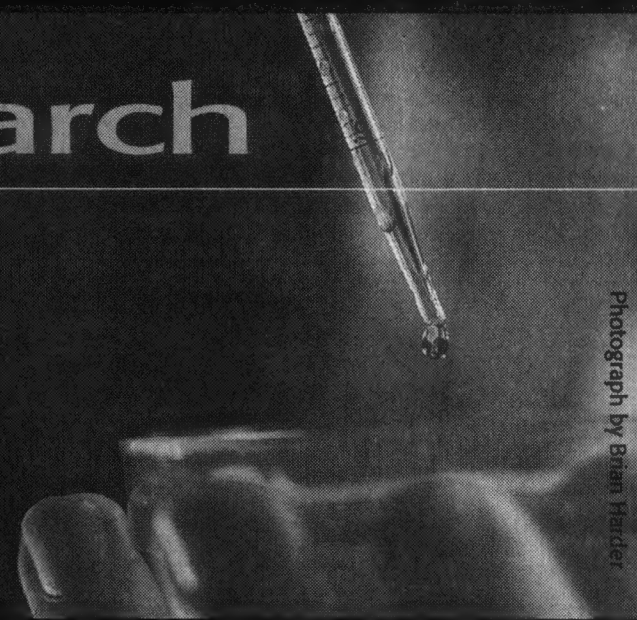


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Nunavut stockpiling arms

IQALUIT • Less than a week after achieving status as a territory, CSIS officials say Nunavut has begun to stockpile arms near its border with the Northwest Territories. "It's just a bunch of whalebone spears and human catapult mechanisms, but it's still rather disturbing," said a CSIS spokesperson. When the media determines who's in charge of Nunavut, we'll get you a reaction from him, too. Go read something else now. I've nothing more to say.

Confederation invalid

OTTAWA • Prominent historian Matthew Cuthbert has discovered that Canada is not really a country after all. It seems that when John A. MacDonald went to sign the British North America Act of 1867, he was waylaid in a British pub. His deputy Prime Minister signed the document in his place, and the forgery was not discovered until yesterday, when Cuthbert was comparing the BNA Act with some old bank notes signed by the PM. "Basically, it means that Confederation was not a legitimate act," said Cuthbert. "The last 132 years of Canadian history don't count for squat."

ON dismantling education

TORONTO • Ontario Premier Mike Harris has decided to completely shut down the province's education system. "We thought about making it user-pay, but that system never works for anybody. We'd have to charge a lot to make a profit from it, and I'm not sure how many people really value education these days," said the premier. According to Harris, those so inclined may start up private charter schools, but they will not be regulated. "Education is a losing game," he said. "Why sink money into educating a populace that won't vote for me once they can put together a cohesive thought?"

Quebec declared territory

QUEBEC CITY • After seeing the fuss that was made last week when Canada's third territory, Nunavut, was formed, Quebec has decided to open constitutional talks that would allow the province to declare itself the fourth territory. "We are a special place," said Quebec premier Lucien Bouchard. "If this is the only way to make the rest of Canada recognize that, then we must do it." Prime Minister Jean Chretien encouraged Quebec to pursue this route. "I'm sure the two representatives that they will get to send to the house will be more eloquent than the fifty-two current members."

Fisherman turns designer

ST. JOHN'S • With so many fishing restrictions, lifelong fisherman Clint Codman has turned his attention to fashion designing in order to make ends meet. "I've got all this fish-net sitting here taking up space, so I decided to do something with it," said Codman, wearing a see-through jumpsuit of his own design. "I've had a few nibbles here and there from Chanel, Gucci, and Dior. They're all interested in my *pret-a-porté* and *haute couture* fall lines." Codman noted that his favourite thing about the line is how the material maintains the natural fragrance of the sea.

Jihad declared a go

TEHRAN, IRAN • Middle-eastern religious fanatics were terribly excited yesterday, after Iran took over Iraq in a surprise move and the Ayatolla Coca-Cola declared a holy war against America and its allies. In a press conference broadcast world-wide, Coca-Cola announced his designs to "kill every last infidel, and mount the devil [U.S. President Bill] Clinton's head on a bayonet by the end of the working week." White House sources responded woefully: "This is the apocalypse. We will all die." For full coverage of some professional sports team, please see page B1.

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There have been many people whose help has been greatly appreciated in the Vice President External Portfolio this year. To all of you who have helped out in the Portfolio, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. This is not a one-man job and I learned that very early on. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated.

To begin with, the members of the **External Affairs Board!** Students-at-large MARK CORMIER, CRYSTAL KERR, CHRIS LIOBING, BRAD MACDONALD and Students' Councilors LORNE RANDA and DAVIS FOTH. Thanks for all of your help, your contributions were outstanding! Also, thanks go out to Colin Bell, Greg Bendall, Andrew Birkby and Leslie Church for their short-term help with the External Affairs Board.

Next, I have to thank **Sana Quazi**, the Campus Ambassador Coordinator. Without all of Sana's tireless efforts, this year's excellent program could not have been even close to a shadow of what it actually was. For all of your positivity and standing offers to help, your continued support did not go unnoticed. Great work Sana and thank you!

Finally, without the Community Relations Coordinator, **Nez Moussa**, the job of VP External would be considerably more difficult. Nez, you kept me on my toes and did wonderful work with the all aspects of the job, especially the Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee, a deeply under-recognized service of the Students' Union until this year. Thank-you for all of your enthusiasm and patience as we struggled through the year!

Bruce McRae
VP External, 1998/99



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Campus Ambassador volunteers this year toured almost 7 000 people! During University of Alberta Preview Days (UAP), on the 18 and 19 of February, alone Campus Ambassadors showed 3 325 people what the U of A campus is all about. The UAP coordinators, Karen Chu and Kathy Wong, made sure that everything ran smoothly and they did a great job of making sure that 57 volunteers and 3 300 people knew where to be at what time! Campus Ambassadors also helped with the Summer Youth University Program, International Center Orientation, Super Saturday, and other major events on campus. We had four Team Leaders this year: Steve Lopushinsky, Lana Love, Deborah Kershaw, and Saul Warhaft. These people did the extra work it took to make sure things came together! Thank you to the 55 very dedicated volunteers who have helped in making the Campus Ambassador program a success this year. Aside from being experts on the U of A and knowing how to get almost ANYWHERE on campus in under ten minutes, these outgoing, enthusiastic, and dynamic individuals have helped to make an incredibly GREAT first impression of the University of Alberta on almost 7 000 visitors. Some of the tour groups were so impressed by what they saw and heard that they called or wrote to commend their tour guides, and some groups even sent donations for the program. This makes very clear the excellent job Campus Ambassador volunteers are doing! If you would like to be a Campus Ambassador for the summer or fall applications can be picked up from the Information desks or from the SU Executive Offices.

Sana Quazi
Campus Ambassador Coordinator 1998/99

The Eugene L. Brody Funding Committee is responsible for making charitable donations to non-profit organizations on behalf of the University Alberta Students' union. The Committee stands as testimony to the commitment of students to make a positive and visible contribution to the larger community. Over the last nine years, the EBC has donated over \$150 000.00 to local, national and international charities. Fifty-eight cents of every undergraduate Students' union Fee has made this possible.

As the Community Relations Coordinator, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those dedicated members of the Committee for all their hard work. They were the backbone of all that was accomplished this year, and for that I would like to thank them...

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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICE

T, MISTER. Film and television actor Mr. T died earlier this week after falling into a public toilet. Famous for his role on the TV series *The A-Team*, the former star, whose real name was Lawrence Taureaud, was found yesterday, drowned in the washroom of an East Los Angeles Kenny Rogers' Roasters. Preliminary police reports state that the 46-year-old drowned while he was throwing up chicken fingers and vodka. It is believed that after finishing his "Value Meal," he made his way to the rest-room to vomit, where "numerous rusted bicycle chains, strings of aluminum can tabs and an old fan belt weighted down his head, forcing it into the bowl."

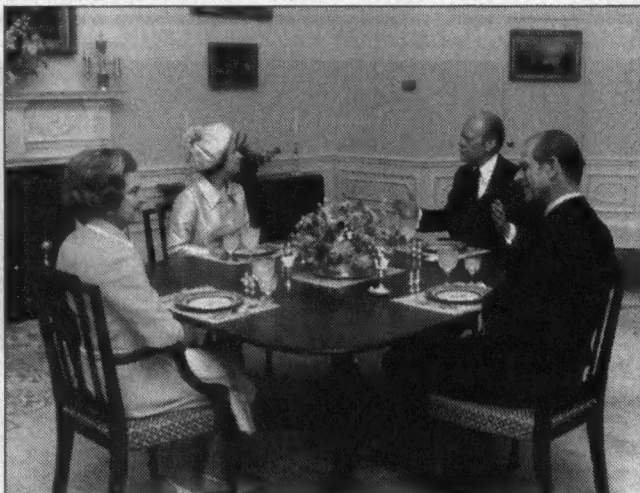
The second-youngest child of twelve, Taureaud was born in 1952 in a Chicago ghetto. A high school athletic star, and later a film and television actor best known for his roles in *Rocky 3* and *The A-Team*, his career was booming until the late '80s when his own show, *T'n'T*, was cancelled. Much of the next decade was spent doing guest appearances on sitcoms and drinking heavily.

A self-proclaimed member of the A.A.-Team, he began to lose his mind in a hard-liquor-induced haze in the mid '90s. He was arrested in 1995 after trashing a Planet Hollywood, screaming "Bring out that cracker Balboa! Clubber wants a re-match." According to his parole officer, after pawing most of his trademark gold jewelry, Taureaud began to wander the streets wearing candy necklaces, and eventually whatever miscellaneous pieces of scrap metal he could put around his neck. According to sources at the 4th Street homeless shelter, the disheveled former star spent his final days trying to pimp himself, harassing passers by with the repeated phrase "I pity the fool who doesn't make me his bitch" and calling himself "Bargain Ass Baracus."

Former television star Gary Coleman said about his friend, "Mr. T was a great man and will be sorely missed. However, I'm available for film, TV, or infomercials."

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Death of an old whore



TOMAS SHSOKJAHEK

The Queen, her husband Chuck, and President and Mrs. Ford shared dinner in 1976, adjourning to a session of wife-swapping thereafter.

British regent finally bites it

Yesterday, Elizabeth, Queen of England, was found dead in her bed, age 70.

Born April 21, 1926 to King George the VI and Queen Elizabeth, she was the first born, and, therefore, heir to the throne.

She is survived by her husband, Phillip, Prince of Greece, and a bunch of stupid, adulterous, wife-dumping, soulless tabloid-fodder children and grandchildren.

After meeting her idiot husband in South Africa in 1944 during one of her many "publicity outings," she began what was one of the most torrid love affairs ever. In 1947, she was quoted by the *London Telegraph*, saying, "The Commonwealth isn't the only thing that the sun never sets on." Although most British

scholars deny this, the second "thing" she was referring to was actually her future husband's penis.

Her reign of terror began in early 1952, soon after she killed her father with the famous "pearl-handled asshole-killer" as she so lovingly called it. Her coronation began minutes later, as she had conspired with most of Buckingham Palace's staff to assure little turmoil once the deed was done. By telling them that they would "never work in the Commonwealth again" if they didn't do what she said, she made sure that any opposition was quelled, and that "The Man" kept his place. Regicide was made legal that day, by her royal decree, and charges against her were dropped before any action had even been taken.

Since then, she has been nothing but an evil rich tyrant, taxing the people of their gold, and killing the first-born sons of all the Scots. "T'ss

really not faiah 'ow the soddy bitch traites uss. I kinna see no raisons fer it, udder dan she's de devil's rod," said a drunken Scotsman in 1958.

Since her unsuccessful attempt at annexing Canada to the U.K., she hasn't had the trust of Canadians, either, especially since she authorized the unprovoked attack on Newfoundland in 1962. Although it threw Canada into turmoil, few British citizens could see the logic behind annexing Newfoundland, since England already has islands full of fishermen. Only diplomacy and clever sexual innuendo finally convinced "her Majesty" that there was little or no advantage to having Newfoundland, other than the cod.

Elizabeth began to show signs of ill health when she began drinking heavily in 1975. She was known for a while as the "Idiot Queen," until she decreed that the word "idiot" was illegal, after a particularly nasty fall from the second to first floor of Buckingham Palace. Another one of her lesser-known drunken escapades, the burning of the Palace, destroyed much of the royal library. She never admitted her guilt, but was found near the library with a book of matches, asleep in a pool of her own vomit.

Elizabeth died yesterday of a ruptured, swollen liver, after daring one of her many personal "knights of the round anus" to punch her in the abdomen.

She will be sorely missed by her husband, Phillip, and hundreds and hundreds of drunken Brits everywhere.

National Joke

BOB HOPE

Die, dork, die



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Bob Hope liked jokes. Funny.

KING OF CRAPPY HUMOUR

Bob Hope, the holder of the world's longest running contract with a single network, and Guinness Book of Records' Most Honored Entertainer, died yesterday morning at the age of 95. He leaves to mourn his wife, Dolores, as well as hundreds of children and grandchildren.

Touted as America's favorite Bob, and the world's least funny actor, Bob Hope has bored soldiers around the world for more than 70 years, acting in stupid movies such as "The Singing Idiot Sailor and Friends" and "Bitch: My Whore Wife." His career began before radio was popular, and peaked in 1938 with "The Big Broadcast of 1938," a soap commercial advocating the oppression of all non-anglo-saxon races, that ran before "The Wizard of Oz."

Hope has appeared during war and peace to entertain soldiers, most of whom just endured him until the dancing girls came on. Said 115-year-old Fred Attenbrock, veteran of the Boer War in south Africa, "I can't believe they let him go on for as long as they did. He was boring then, and he's boring now."

"Sometimes, I wondered why they bothered with Hope at all, actually. He was like saltpe-

ter after Bob's routine, most of us felt like we had nothing to offer womankind, anyway."

Hope will be remembered for his endurance. Seventy years is a long time to milk such low calibre material, according to him. He once said to a Burbank, California audience at the Johnny Carson Show: "If it weren't for the fact that I'm a fucking relic, there'd be no reason to remember me at all. It's kinda like when you're the oldest car on the block; it doesn't matter if you were a piece of shit when you came out, you're still an oddity that gets attention just because of its age." Hope's doctors later explained that he was having a stroke at the time, and really didn't know what he was talking about.

Struggling through alcoholism, drug addiction, and police raids on his homes, Hope never gave up the fight he began the day he was born. "I was born a boring old man," he said to *Time* magazine in 1978. "It's just taken me the last fifty-some years to fit the part."

Hope has more than two thousand awards and citations for humanitarian and professional efforts, including 54 honorary doctorates, none of which were in drama. As an actor, he will be forgotten, but as a golfer and boring person, his name will go down in history.

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Fix the idiots

There are some people who really shouldn't have children. There are people who are so unintelligent that the thought of them producing offspring with a spouse, regardless of their intelligence, would be detrimental to society as a whole.

These are the people we call *idiots*. They're all around us, running our countries, fixing our cars, representing us in court, and overwhelming us with their techno-jargon constantly. They install our phones, wash our windows, fight our crime, and wet our beds. Frankly, anyone who doesn't work at a newspaper is probably a bed-wetting cripple anorexic.

With that said, I'd like to make a proposal, but I'll tell you right now, this won't be a Swift-esque proposal. I propose that we reintroduce a Eugenics program similar to the one that was abandoned without much thought in Alberta in 1972.

That program contained the machinery required to make sure that the severely mentally challenged were dealt with as they should be: sterilization. The point of it all was: no more idiots. That guy who opens his car door and smashes it against the side of your car: he wouldn't have children, because of the eugenics program. He would have his testicles removed in a routine procedure at the dentist one day. The girl who drives around with her gas cap off: sterilized as well. In fact, it would be set up so that, if 10 people nominated you for sterilization, you'd be required by law to have the procedure done.

You might think this a radical suggestion, but

here are some facts.

1.) After the Sterilization act was made law in 1926 in Alberta, the incidence of bed-wetting in children 8-12 fell by a staggering 94 per cent in boys, mainly because parents had the option of threatening their male children with castration.

2.) Juvenile delinquency reached an all-time low in 1933, after the police were allowed to threaten castration.

3.) Little girls were threatened with having their bits and pieces removed, and, although, in that day and age, and at that age, little girls really didn't know what all the bits and pieces were for, they really didn't like the idea of losing them. Theft from Army & Navy's candy department fell by 77% when a sign was put up that read: "If you steal, the government will cut out your bits and pieces."

4.) After a highly publicized case in 1955 of a man who was castrated for smashing into a parked car, people across the province of Alberta began driving more safely. Public transit saw an increase of 46 per cent in Edmonton and Calgary, and in rural Alberta, many people reverted to horseback riding, rather than driving, because at least a horse doesn't run into other horses.

5.) It was actually shown that castrated people actually got smarter, and women with their bits and pieces removed actually rocked 45% harder than they previously could. Odd, that.

So, with that said, the obvious solution to all of society's problems is to castrate or "girl castrate" all idiots. With that in mind, keep working towards a federal Sterilization act. For the children, and the children's children.

Look out for ass-lovin'

It seems that the Russian economy is unable to climb from its rut, even after all these years of so-called "democracy."

Well, too bad.

They have the natural resources that Canada has, times twenty. They have the same technical pantomimes diverging into financial oblivion. And they have pants.

That's right. Pants.

You see, for the longest time, Russia's economy floated on the unreal belief that the finances of the country were just fine. Then, one day, someone in Moscow said: to hell with it. I'm sick and tired of getting paid in matches at the match factory. He told his friend this, and his friend told his other friend, and everyone started talking. Talking about what we all talk about: how working for things sucks.

So, with his friends, this guy decided to get it on with a chick, and then hold a meeting to brag about it. During the meeting, the topic of hating work, especially work for the man, came up, and they decided to cause the downfall of the most powerful empire ever, no matter what the stupid Yanks say.

So, they knew they wanted the Communist oppressors to fall, so they hatched a zany plan. Boris had a Lada, and Dmitri had a two-by-four piece of wood, while Vladimir had a machete, so they put them all together, and created the most awesome killing machine ever to come from a communist state. They called him Vod-Cor, Comrade of Killing.

That Thursday, Vlad and Dmitri hopped into the subway and trucked it to Red Square, while Boris rode the robot onto the Russian Parliament grounds, and stood ready. Some guards were drawn to the robot by its unusual size, but a little mechanical scottie dog yipped its way into their hearts, and distracted them long enough for the robot to destroy the parliament, and tear down the Berlin Wall.

Vlad and Dmitri met Boris and the robot at the local vodka hole, and talked about the day. Vlad and Dmitri had no change to take the subway that day, so they had gone straight to the vodka hole. Since they weren't an intrinsic part of the plan, no ill effects were incurred.

And that's how communism fell one sad day in Moscow.

You might wonder what the point of this editorial is. Well, communism is a big part of the lives of all of us, and, without it, we'd all be robots, just like poor Vod-Cor, and his friend Boris.

So, with that in mind, we should all strive to make the world a better place, just you and me.

Do you ever write so much in one day that your desire to live slips away like so much bean burrito? We have done so much today, and this year, with this paper, that I never want to type again. I also never want to see a keyboard again, or look at a computer again, or even use an electrical appliance again. I might even move into the bush and sleep under some old coats until the world goes away.

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Femi-Nazis killing democracy



BARBARA AMIEL

One fall day in 1997, as I wandered around a local school looking for my chapter of REAL

women's bake sale, I happened upon Canada's dirty little secret: female suffrage. Lining the walls of this polling station were wanton femi-Nazis "exercising their rights" in choosing the next government of Canada. Soliciting ballots from manipulating feminist "polling clerks", these parasites of society, gathered in the smelly auditorium like rats in a bag of sugar, were eager to devour the sweet substance of democracy by their sheer number. Democracy, contrary to popular belief, is not the rule of the people, by the people. It is the rule of the people by the ruling class and sex). The important thing about democracy in Canada is that it serves the interests of those who contribute most to the campaign funds of the winning parties, and not to the parasitic demands of welfare mothers.

If you, like me, were confused by the radically Marxist policies implemented by the Chretien government over the past two years, here is your answer. Women are notoriously soft hearted and irrational, they cannot be trusted to make decisions regarding their own personal health or safety, let alone those of a First World country. Was it men who voted for Bill Clinton in the US? Is it men who support his sub-human fixation on subsidized day care and increased female representation in government? No, but it is up to men to take back the realm of the political, and leave women to their pots and their pans and their crying babies.

Examples of competent female leaders are few and far between, and there is a reason for that. My dear friend Margaret Thatcher stands

alone as an example of merciless, unadulterated power, and I want to be her lap dog, but in a completely heterosexual way.

The kind of misguided "progressive" policy—that female voting rights assume—goes beyond issues of suffrage and feminism to the basics of sexual realism, meaning the role of women in the work force and society.

Many women, who are either not attractive or resourceful enough to marry an extremely wealthy man who will showcase their careers, find that they must look to the work force as a supplement to "unsatisfying" home lives. Beyond traditional acceptable careers, like prostitution and stripping, today's femi-Nazis are looking for employment in a male-oriented market, and are stealing away jobs from their com-

petent masculine counterparts. Children are being raised by television sets and Internet pornography because of the selfish insistence of the "modern woman" to maintain both a career and family. In my view, when a woman is trusted to adopt more than the most basic of tasks, she will fail.

Beyond the work force, the stubborn feminist has brought the political into the personal realm. She has made it the business of the state whether women are "beaten," "abused," or "sexually assaulted," wasting the time of Supreme Court Justices on domestic squabbles and harmless role-playing.

The truth is, and I have medical evidence to back this up, that women were not physically designed to enjoy sex, so that if a man wants to perpetuate the species, which he of course does, his only option is what is now being called by the feminist media, "rape." Sexual assault is not only natural, but in truth, enjoyable for both men and women, since women are indifferent, anyway. The newly awakened hysteria surrounding rape is

nothing if not a fairy tale of inequality maintained by prudes and lesbians, both of which are strongly against family values. Let them rail on about the myth of the "clitoral orgasm," let them cry over the wet spot, let them run their vibrators ragged. Their complaints are nothing but hollow whining, and latent penis envy.

Oh, the power of the male organ. So potent, so commanding, a symbol of authority, welcome in every willing opening. Brave pioneers and rebels like Alberta's Judge McClung, who was unjustly accused of sexism by femi-Nazi Claire Heureux-Dube, have been changing the way Canadians accept sexual assault into their daily lives. And it's about damn time. Heureux-Dube's irrational ruling against this modern hero is just a further institutionalization of the radical feminist agenda. One small step for woman, one giant step backwards for mankind.

If only us weak, unfulfilled women could be more man-like, and less afraid to accept a life in the laundry room as our destiny.

LETTERS

Cats and dogs

Don't you all think that it's about time that dogs and cats started getting along together? Why, just the other day, my little dog Pork Chop went after a cute little kitten and got his blessed left eye scratched right out of his skull. God damn that cat, I say. Poor Pork Chop won't even leave his room anymore. He keeps telling me that he's scared of little kitties, and that he wants me to kill. Not kittens, though—I like kittens. Pork Chop wants me to kill people. Mostly mailmen. And those sonuvabitch demons disguised as policemen. Demons, I say. DEMONS.

Anyway, the government should spend more money on ensuring cats and dogs get along.

Mildred Attenbrock, Edmonton, Alberta.

You have a good paper

I really like your newspaper, Mr Black. You are very smart and also attractive. I wish I could be your intern, and have a lot of sex with you. I'd love to grind on top of your hog for hours and hours. Your newspapers are the best and smart too. I think that you should be the only one allowed to make newspapers, because all the other ones stink like poo.

The National Joke has really good content and design, and is certainly not a second-rate Globe and Mail, which is a lame paper and I hate it, yay it stinks like poo! I am just an average teenage reader, and not related to Mr Black at all. He is certainly not my dad, and would never beat me with a sand-filled sock over and over

and over again if I don't write this newspaper and say how much I love love love love his SHITTY FUCKING NEWSPAPL.kjK J.BBKUHY VCIUH IUHDF I;U

Name withheld by request of Mr. Black

Nuke Kosovo

I really think that your stance on the Canadian government's idea to burn high-grade plutonium in Canada deserves a little more insight than you've given it. Why couldn't the low-grade plutonium be burned by putting it in warheads, and dropping it on Kosovo? If we can't get them with the cruise missiles, why waste all that good plutonium on peaceful purposes? Just nuke the hell out of those psychopaths and their leaders, and then we'll take over the place, and make it the 10th province of Canada.

Isn't that a little smarter than burning it all in a boring old power plant?

Smash 'em!

Calvin Dextrase, Calgary, Alberta.

Let me kill

I think the National Joke's page on Jack Kevorkian was fantastic! It's about time someone exposed the death-monger for the criminal he is, and not as a savior for the disabled. There is no reason why he should have the right to kill people, while I'm trapped here in my world of hate, unable to kill half the people I want to kill. If it were up to me, I'd line my wife's entire family up against the garage door of our modest Hamilton home, and shoot them until the blood ran

like water down the driveway, and into the sewers that my hard-earned money pays for.

I'm really sick and tired of not being able to kill.

Pete Planchard, Hamilton, Ontario

This is an ad, Conrad

For sale: one white 1992 Chevrolet Cavalier. Power steering, brakes, recently recharged air conditioning, new tires, all original, collector's item. Call Conrad at (416) 434-4673.

Conrad Blackie (not Black), Toronto, Ontario.

Typo

I'd like to announce that the National Joke used the word "mistrail" in a front-page news story. The story was about court cases, and such, but there was no mention of trails at all in the article. What is a mistrail, anyway? I've never seen one, and my dad doesn't know what they are, either.

Do you guys have a proof-reader? It just occurred to me that it might just be a typo, and that there really is no such thing as a "mistrail." You all suck.

Timmy Beane, Canada.

Soulless bastards

The reverend James Michael Faraday, inventor of electricity, and such, once said, "power is a penetrating thing. It goes in and out, in and out, in and

out, oh, yeah, baby."

I think the point he was getting at was that the world we live in today is filled with insecurities and structural inconsistencies that punish and entice us at the same time, drawing us in with their feid, lustful stench. That being so, I think that it would be fair to say that if there were antigravity, then we'd all be floating around with hover-shoed and hypno-lazerbeam eyes, and a pair of snazzy corduroy pants and shirts.

But mostly, I think it's time to get a little more capital into the health system. Especially the mental health system.

Ed Marr, Alberta Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta.

The art of arts

I think an issue that gets far too little coverage is the fact that at Bishop's University, funding for deconstructionist art studies have been cut by 77 per cent. Gone are the days when a good student could apply to have the university purchase a piece of art for that student's personal use. These days have been replaced by a time when students have to actually look in books. How are they supposed to accept the fact that the book they're reading from is tiny, as compared to the paintings, that come in full, real life size.

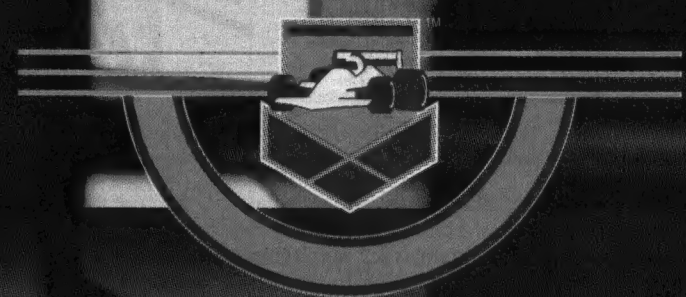
It just isn't fair that students are made to suffer like this. I guess it's just another sign of the rich getting richer and the poor getting fucked up the proverbial ass.

Cat Stevens, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, North America, Northern Hemisphere, Earth, Sol System, Milky Way Galaxy. Shut up.

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Putting the white back in rap

Skim Milk kicking it old school for the music

BY TOOTIE KELLY

After months of rumours and teen-aged angst, the new level of hip-hop has finally arrived.

Jim Smith, better known as Skim Milk, released his debut album earlier this week on SBLL Muzic (Suburban Boys Living Large).

The publicity surrounding this album has been overwhelming, and, although fairly new to the game, Skim Milk is receiving mad props from many industry veterans.

In a recent interview, Ice Cube noted, "Damn, that kid has flavour. He is the very essence of rap."

But his status as rap's newest icon didn't come without controversy. And this native of Wisconsin has certainly had his share. Talking with him about his recent fame is more than an eye-opener.

The long, winding driveway leading to Skim Milk's childhood home in suburban Wisconsin shows that his upbringing was privileged. Obviously his family has some serious cash. His mother, an older, sweet homemaker, had oven-warm homemade cookies and milk waiting for Skim. His younger brothers were playing Scrabble, and his

mother explained, "He's just finishing up on the phone. He'll be right down."

The family room had an assortment of Milk's childhood pictures. With his blond hair and blue eyes, Milk resembles a Backstreet Boy or a New Kid On The Block rather than a rapper.

"Yo, sorry that bitch was bugging," Skim explains about his mother. Receiving a warning look from his mother to watch his mouth, Skim decided to talk outside.

Skim started explaining how he can't stand player haters. "Shiiiiit, what kind of world is it when a man gets hated for his success? I mean, it ain't my fault if God gave me a gift."

Remember that his dad hired him a well-known rhyming coach to help him with his vocal delivery. That takes a phenomenal talent.

"I mean, people assume that cuz I'm from Wisconsin I can't rap. That's crazy. People think that since I'm from a wealthy family I ain't down. People think that since I ain't never been to New York or Los Angeles, I ain't street. What them fools don't know is that we got streets in Wisconsin, too, and, baby, I'm running them."

Talking about rap back in the day, Milk puts on an old-school Beastie Boys album, as he reminisces.

"Yeah, they were the shit. But you know what? I grew up with Vanilla Ice. People might be hating on him cuz he wasn't street enough, but that guy had talent. He could rip up any MC who challenged him. Yeah, big ups to Vanilla Ice."

The earlier days of rap compared to the new mass-market appeal comes up, and Skim Milk has an opinion



REED PETERMAN / NATIONAL JOKE

Skim Milk gets jiggy. The young chap appears to have lost his crotch. Jiggy, I say. Jiggy. Just one jig. It's up now. The jig is up. Jiggy is the path.

about that, as he does with everything. "See, people need to know that rap may have begun in Brooklyn, right? But it belongs in every household in America."

I nod.

"I think rap is an excellent medium for expressing oneself." Skim goes

on to explain, "See, lots of kids in suburbia have been labeled as not being down, not being street. Well, I'm here to represent everybody who's family makes 6 digit figures, who still has two parents at home, who gets a car for their sixteenth birthday... I'm here to let the world

know — ya'll can't fuck with us."

And he certainly does. On his first single "So What," Skim raps: "so what if my folks got money/that ain't no reason to hate/so if you come and fuck with us/we'll make sure we retaliate."

Skim Milk is one kid that is gonna

make it. After all, the record companies spent years manufacturing his white style so that they can sell millions of records to middle-class adolescents. And he should know what sells to middle class white kids. Isn't that what rap is all about?

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Always too hot, never too cold



PHIL SPIDERMAN / NATIONAL JOKE

Alanis Morissette kicks it old school in a downtown Toronto apartment Saturday night. Later, a sad dog was killed by bees. Charges were later dropped.

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

BY REBECCA NAILER

Look out folks, Alanis is putting on the spandex again and she's always been too hot, never too cold. As her reign as Canadian alterna-queen reaches its apex, Alanis is looking for a new look. As it turns out, the ideal new look is a return to her old one.

"I really missed shooting videos with those body-builders," Alanis admits, "I mean, those massive rock-hard guys are a laugh a minute. The best is when wardrobe tries to put them in anything but a g-string or *Gold's Gym* sweatpants. You get one of those retarded three hundred pounders in a pair of Levi's and it's really funny."

"Drop a granola bar on the ground and they'll bend over and split those tight pants every time."

Alanis will launch her new album, *Hey, I'm Alive!* (a tribute to a TV movie that Sally Struthers made in

the mid-eighties) with a tour of the American midwest, an area that was surprisingly kind to Alanis when she was simply Alanis.

Featured songs will likely be dedicated to former boyfriends.

It is rumoured that the track entitled *That Stupid Woodchuck Voice (Makes Me Want To Fuck You With Your Hockey Jersey On)* is a tribute to former *Full House* star Dave Coulier. Similarly, *Friends* star Matt LeBlanc might recognize the storyline in *Unfriendly*.

From the set in New York, LeBlanc didn't seem concerned by the alleged track, or Alanis' retro comeback.

"She always was a bit of a follower... a freak. Since she's been in India, I can only assume she heard the '80s came back for a while, but wasn't aware that the '80s have come and gone again. That would be really pathetic, and this move to her roots is stupid. Then again, she always was a little slow, and a little tease."

"If she had been a few years older, the song wouldn't be *Unfriendly*. It would have been something like ...

You Were Good Last Night or Your Pretty Italian Hair Smelled So Good Last Night or I'm Glad I Modelled That Spandex And Leather For You Last Night. She was just so centred on her stupid career, and now look where she is. Oh."

Alanis has abandoned her yoga in favour of a strenuous jazz/funk regimen in order to prepare her for the grueling physical demands of the *Hey! I'm Alive* tour.

Über pop diva Paula Abdul has set aside her current projects, of which there are many, to help Alanis choreograph the two-dozen numbers that will be included in the stage show.

Already, Alanis envisions a lot of lifts in the program as well as roles for numerous body builders and other muscled types.

"Basically, it's a test," she admitted. "I mean, a guy that can lift me over his head and hold a freeze-frame position for a 45 second interval deserves my attention. He won't necessarily get in the show, but any 'dancer' with that kind of ability will receive close attention."

Abdul admits that the Alanis comeback came at the right time. "I've

been so incredibly busy with my choreography career ever since my singing career went downhill around the same time that Alanis fell off the face of the planet ... but she is worse off than me. I don't need to go back to singing songs about Arsenio Hall, so I feel sorry for her that she feels the need to sing songs about the guys that dumped her."

"I would have thought that she got that out of her system by now."

The clothes for the Alanis comeback are directly from storage.

"I kept a few of the more prominent pieces of my wardrobe from that time period, mainly because I've always been into spandex," Alanis admits. "If you look at all my videos since then, I always have spandex on in some incarnation. Even when I was naked, I had a spandex accessory in my hair that you couldn't see. I just like it so much."

When asked if her hair accessories were cutting off the blood to her brain, Alanis shrugs.

"I'm in it for the money. Would I look this dumb again for less?"

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Getting the kids ready for a drunken night out on the town

BY PETTY POOP
On Fashion

This season, three designers stand out against the trite silhouettes of every other spring prom collection. Isjai Tamekito,

Betsy Sue, and Ralph (Rā'f) Laperfled have reached a new level of expression for the coming millennium.

Cher Livingston, buyer for Holt Renpew, suggests the three designers have finally figured out what consumers want.

"They have finally figured out what consumers want," said Livingston, of the three designers. "For prom, it's a pretty special time in the lives of girls ... for many it's their one chance to experience life as a grown woman. The dress a girl chooses will let her date know exactly what kind of girl she really is, and how far he can get with her."

Prom and bridal retailer Samantha Toogood gushes about the designers' prom gowns. "The harsh reality these designers examine is breathtaking. Not only do they work with the real textures of the fabrics, but they work with the real shapes of the girls, to bring out their best characteristics that will allow their dates

the best access to their minds."

The designers agree. "Shiny out, ruffly in," exclaims Isjai Tamekito after his spring show. "Ruffly like petals of Morning Glory." Isjai's eclectic style pairs a cream off the shoulder top with flared black pants to accentuate the romance of a flamenco dancer.

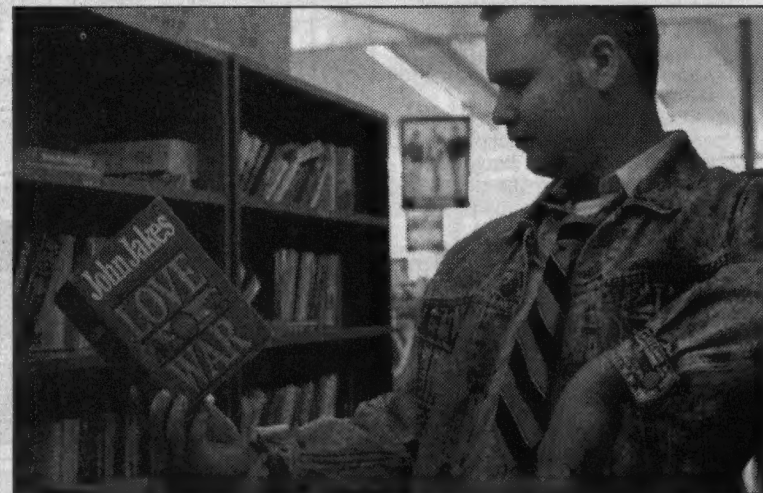
Accessories are key this season: faux fur makes a resurgence in the form of a muff, and strappy red heels show off those tender tootsies.

For summer proms, green is touted as the new pink, which was the new grey, redefining the black, which was red. The padded shoulders of old are renewed as super-large, ruffled sleeves in Betsy Sue's power dress of the millennium. By the power of GreySkull.

After seasons of de-masculinizing menswear, Ralph Laperfled's spring/summer collection has finally broken down barriers and garnered wide acclaim. He creates a pared-down look by contrasting colours and textures of feminine delicacy and masculine abrasiveness.

"The rayon shirt in Tulsa-lilac and matching silk, striped tie show the emotional side of the man, while the hard, acid-wash jean jacket maintains the manly masculine side of the man."

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Prom fashions updates for the '90s. Above, Ralph Laperfled's manly man suits make acid wash nouveau chic.

DIVERSIONS

All Signs: Be wary of how you spend your time if you have exams looming

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BY LEVI LUND

All Signs: If you have a test or tests soon, don't waste your time reading this juvenile attempt at humor. Also, avoid knife-wielding psychopaths.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You will have feelings of hunger today and will become tired late in the evening. If you are a student, you will do at least one of the following: complain about your schedule, play Nintendo, or read the campus newspaper.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Your intuition will be accurate today. If you think others are repulsed by your long nose-hairs, or that the person ogling you wants to fondle you, then you'll be right. If you are a Kosovar, avoid Slobodan Milosevic. Try to think positive thoughts.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

The stars say that for the next twenty-four hours, anything you want in the world will be yours. Supermodels, Ferraris, a sense of belonging, and a long lost sock will figure prominently.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Mercury is in Uranus today. Naturally, you'll be in immense pain. Try to stay in bed and rest, if you can, because tomorrow Mercury will be replaced by Jupiter... sorry about

that.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

There's a 90% chance you'll rip a fart at an inopportune moment today. Try to wear an extra pair of underwear, or other muffling apparel. Avoid crowded elevators, open flames, and first dates.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

There's a 90% chance someone will rip a fart in your face today. If this is undesired, avoid Leos. Today is a good day to buy and wear that balaclava you've had your eye on.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Your intellect is unparalleled today. It's a good day to read all three books of Proust's 'Remembrance of Things Past,' or learn Swahili. It's also a good day to appear as a contestant on 'Jeopardy!'

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

There's a good chance you'll get slapped upside the head by someone much bigger than yourself today. Avoid Hub Mall.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You may feel conflict between your sexual desires and reality today. However, your imagination and your appreciation for art is strong. The Internet, Fabio's latest novel,

and your right (or left) hand figure prominently.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Today will be odd, perhaps even a bit surreal. Do not be surprised if you receive a collect phone call from a fish. The Malaysian luge team figures prominently.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Both good and bad things will happen to you today; however, the bad will trump the good. For example, that certain someone will smile at you, but you'll realize later you had a huge mustard stain on your shirt; or, you'll get lucky today - after getting sent to prison.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Today is the day you'll finally perceive that hope is not the idea that something will turn out as you want; but instead, it's the idea that whatever happens you'll be able to make sense of it. For more, drop this paper and see Vaclav Havel.

If Your Birthday Is Today

You share a birthday with Saddam Hussein, Larry Flynt, and Sheila Copps. Unfortunately, the stars are unaligned. You'll be strident, opportunistic, and manipulative. The thought of you naked will nauseate many. On the bright side, self-esteem will not be a problem, in spite of all common sense.

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LOSER FRIENDLY by Crapfaced Idiot



RUMP RATS by Nick Leodeon



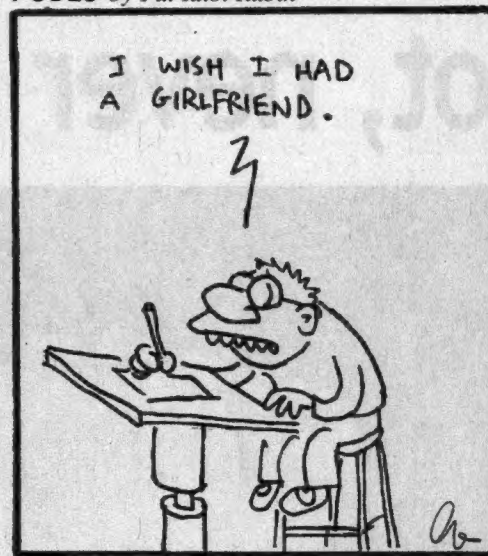
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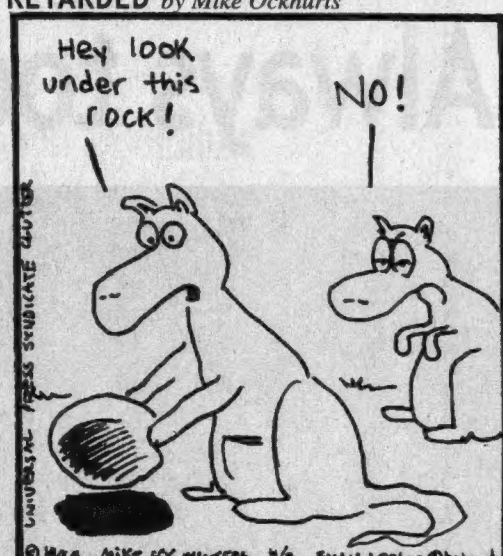


PUBES by Fat Idiot Rubin



Retarded, unfunny loser trying to rip off Gary Larson.

RETARDED by Mike Ockhurs



RAW IS WAR MATERIAL by Stone Cold



IN A PANIC, DELWIN REALIZES THAT THIS COMIC SUCKS...

REAL LAME ADVENTURES

by Gary Stupid and his retarded brother Timmy



Hey! Look at how shitty this is.

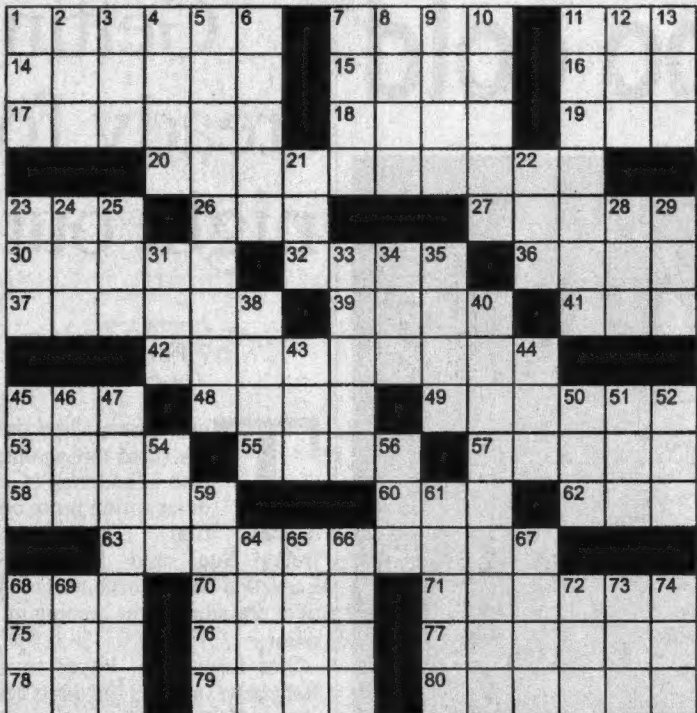
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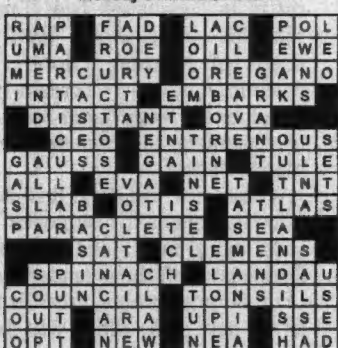
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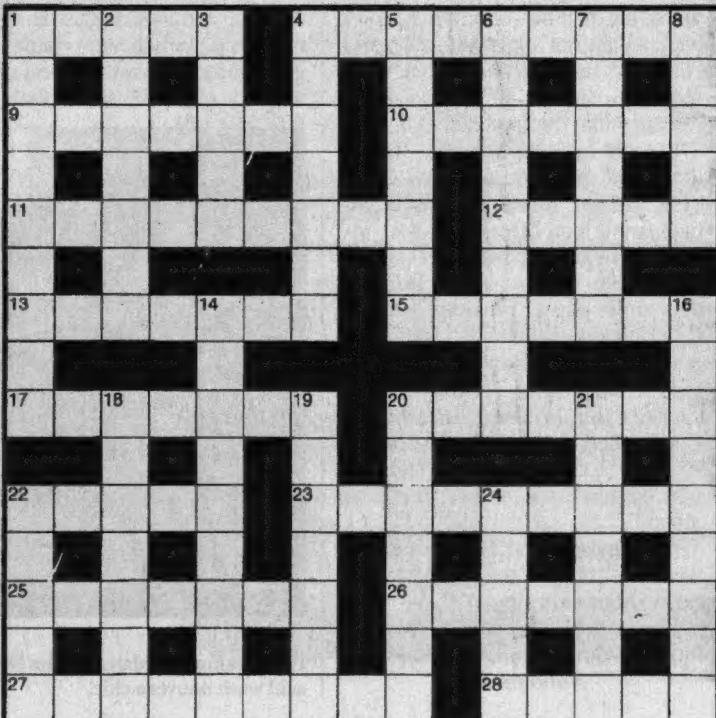
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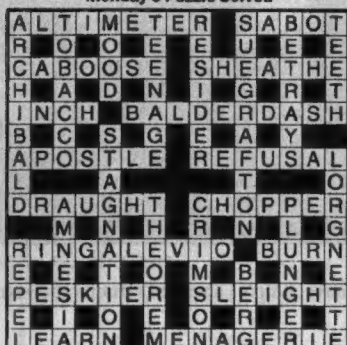
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BRIDGE By Bobby Bouchet

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SOUTH			
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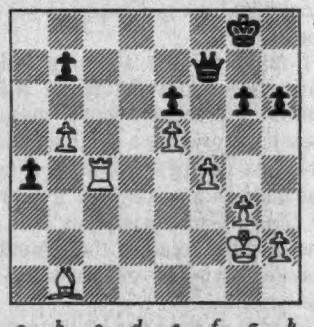
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ders. You ask him, do you have a four? He says go fish. So I did go fish. Then he sade do you have a for? And I gav him the for. But wate! Did you cache it? He was a lieng motharfuker! So I sade hey asshole, giv me bac my for. And he sade you can try to tak it butt i can kil you o.k.! Then I go for my nife, he was bledeng prety gudboy. So that is my FISH tip, mak shur you got a nife!!

No, Bobby. This is Bridge. Was there reason for West's suspicion? No. South had a pair of jacks and a straight flush, and North peeked at East's cards while he was taking a dump.

What if West would have used the dummy king, you ask? Well, I think South would have been an adulterous bitch, and East would have cut them up, sooner or later.

CHESS By Teen Wolf



White's Best Move?

Hint: Go outside and play

Solution: Chess is a really boring game. If there was ever a time when you should stop doing something, this is it.

CURRENT
MOVIES

THE ROD SQUAD

Don't let the name fool you. *The Rod Squad* is a remake of Shakespeare's best-loved work, *Macbeth*. Macbeth and his wife look for answers why he isn't king after tripping out on magic mushrooms. The rock n'roll update gives the movie more legitimacy than Mel Gibson in tights, and the odd T & A is astonishingly fresh. Leo DiCaprio is Macbeth to Emma Thompson's Lady Macbeth. You've never heard accents like this. *P.E.*

FREAKS OF NATURE

For the first time ever, Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks team up for a romantic comedy. This one is about them trying to find happiness in their lives, only to find that they aren't happy alone. The path they follow to get to a happy place is full of near misses and coincidences that finally results in the two of them realizing that they were made for each other. The storyline is so completely believable and so touching, you'll be rubbing your puppy's tail for a good dose of fantasy as soon as you go home to your one bedroom apartment, all by yourself. *E.T.*

MOM, HOW LONG IS THIS JOURNEY?

The sweet adaption from real life to film, *Mom, How Long Is This Journey?* shows the trip of one six-member family as they travel from Nantucket to the Mexican border. The parents (Glenn Close and John Cleese) aim to sell their children to a *maquila* owner (who needs small hands to stitch beads to designer couture dresses) so they can afford their cocaine habits. The children's light-hearted dialogue with their hateful parents will recall anybody's trip in a stuffy car with a car-sick sister. *P.E.*

THE MATTRESS

Keanu Reeves stars in his biggest and most challenging role to date: a cyber town crier. Reeves executes his role perfectly, talking shit in a robotic monotone, much like many of his previous roles (*Dracula*, *Johnny Mnemonic*, *Speed*, *River's Edge*), but this time the monotone is warranted. The evil robot puppets try to take over the world and the apocalypse is inevitable until Reeves gets into a large bus and drives it at full speed, only to find there are no brakes and there is a bomb attached. Mayhem explodes when the bomb does. Very, very cool. *E.T.*

100 THINGS I HATE ABOUT MY CLOTHES

The yuppies get even with those cool kids who try to be all cool and stuff. With costume design by Betsey Johnson and Comme des Garçons, this John Hughes comeback flick will send you digging in your closet for your junior high miniskirts. Highlights include the scene where cool kid Jeremy Miller (formerly of Growing Pains) and pop-culture darling Monica Lewinsky corner an unsuspecting nerd in shop class and set him on fire for wearing sweatpants and Velcro runners. Four star fun. *J.D.*

TWENTY POUND ASS

This film follows our man Kyle Smirkowitz on his quest for true love. His huge ass keeps him from getting through the door, so to speak. Smirkowitz is searching for the right woman. Really, he only cares about himself, and the women who figure out his diabolical scheme enjoy stabbing him with forks and laughing openly at the outfits he wears on dates. His penis is extremely small. Even the hooker his boss hired was unable to derive any pleasure from such a small dink. For a documentary, *Twenty Pound Ass* is really fake. I've never seen such high pants. *J.D.*

Poor Fabio

Male model
refuses to give
back new titties

BY DON MONTE

Fabio, who was recently the subject of a \$6 million lawsuit filed by former manager, Rhonda Gainer, is not too pleased about the recent outcome in proceedings between their two attorneys.

Gainer now claims that Fabio wrongfully terminated her contract in 1992 after she launched his prolific career.

Fabio has already testified in court that he does not owe Gainer anything because her proposed deals were unacceptable to him.

What Gainer says Fabio fails to remember is the fact that he is wearing \$2 million of the \$6 million that she is entitled to.

It appears that Fabio, on a recent stint to Los Angeles, paid for breast implants that totalled \$2 million.

Since he supposedly had no money at the time, Gainer claims she loaned him what he needed.

Fabio claims that "the old b**** has lost it" and that he grew the breasts himself so he could be more pretty.

You'll have your chance to see Fabio on television tonight, as he competes in the Miss Universe contest representing Italy.

He says he is very excited and opti-



Fabio, seen here riding the new "Apollo" rollercoaster, gets a make-over from his fellow Miss Universe contestants.

mistic about winning the pageant and hopes that Gainer can eventually come to her senses.

If you miss him on the tube tonight, you'll have a second chance to catch

him at West Edmonton Mall on Saturday for the signing of his new best-selling book *Men are from Mars, Fabio has breasts*.
The Hollywood Performer

Charlton Heston and his guns

BY DAVE ANALASALAMANDER

America's most enduring screen legend and advocate of freedom Charlton Heston shows no signs of slowing down. At 75, the current president of the National Rifle Association is as feisty as ever in his crusade to protect the second amendment.

Often controversial for his conservative viewpoint on gun control, race issues, censorship, and homosexuality, he makes no apologies in his fight against the liberal pinko scum bags that threaten to destroy North America. An intimate talk with the icon reveals what this tough cookie is made of.

D.A. - Now that you're in your 70s, have you had to make any significant lifestyle changes in order to maintain your Adonis-like physique?

C.H. - I nourish this bronzed temple with a restricted diet that cuts out coloured foods. It's whites only for this chap. I only eat egg whites, white meat, and, for a treat, I have my wife remove the unsightly black cookie part of my Oreos. Their creamy white filling really puts a spring in my step.

D.A. - More than ever, you seem to be an advocate of healthy living. You've even stopped smoking, haven't you?

C.H. - Yes, I gave up that nasty habit years ago when I heard this English sissy refer to them as 'fags.' I'll have none of that, thank you.

D.A. - Since becoming the president of the NRA, you've come under

attack by some of the bleeding heart media, who've attacked your position on gun control as being too extreme. How do you respond to these accusations?

C.H. - All the lefty media can do is wave meaningless crime statistics in front of the public's face as a reason to curb our basic rights and freedoms as law-abiding gun owners. If 18,000 children in urban centres died last year as a result of guns, then I say that's 18,000 children who were improperly armed. We wouldn't see these so-called problems if the public schools had implemented the duck-and-cover-training program that I proposed a few years ago. What really raises my hackles, though, is this foolish 5-day waiting period to buy a gun. If I want to shoot something or someone, I want to shoot them now, not in a week.

D.A. - What do have to say to those who would label guns as dangerous and unnecessary?

C.H. - Those so-called people, with their so-called beliefs and so-called opinions are missing the point completely. I would like to reiterate that guns do not kill people; bullets kills people, unless of course you have a fixed bayonet, then you can kill someone with a sharp upward stabbing motion. You can also kill deer this way if you wound them first. Believe me, it works.

D.A. - Will you find time out of your busy schedule this year for the annual Charlton Heston Celebrity Shoot?

C.H. - Absolutely, I wouldn't miss it for all the AK-47s in Arkansas. This year Ted Nugent is going to



help me spice things up a bit. At this year's *Charlton Heston Celebrity Shoot*, we'll release several celebrities into the woods where myself and other celebrities will hunt them down and kill them in cold blood. So far I've lined up Woody Harlessen, Ellen DeGeneres, and that little bastard Spike Lee for the hunt. It's supposed to be hush-hush, but I'm more excited than a seal hunter with a new club.

D.A. - Do you have any more wonderful film projects lined up?

C.H. - I'm glad you asked me that. I do indeed have a new film coming out this summer. It's an action sequel to my epic *The Ten Commandments*, where I reprise my role as Moses, sent to a futuristic wasteland of earth in order to fight off invading ape people from another land who come out at night to try to turn humans into food. It's called *The Ten Commandments 2: The Soylent Omega Project of the Apes*. There's a very touching scene where I turn water into assault rifles.

He is America's statesman of death and violence. May God bless you.
National Joke

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It seems that **Jaleel White**, that little ruddy shit from *Family Matters*, was seen eating a rat in a drainage ditch near Winnipeg. Nearby, a despondent **Fred Savage** was hanging out by the men's bathroom at an ESSO station.

In other news, **Mark Hamill** was fucking the **shit** out of **Cameron Diaz** in the Viper Room in L.A. Apparently, **Joan Rivers** was spotted just outside the club stapling her face to the back of her neck while **Steve Buscemi** masturbated at her feet.

Speaking of whacking off, **John Candy** rose from his grave to apologize

for *Cool Runnings* and *The Great Outdoors*.

Alanis Morissette had a news conference in Fresno the other day. She talked about her relationship with **Dave Coulier** from *Full House* and how she made him **blow his load** in a theatre. Alanis said she found God in India and she just wanted to say he/she's doing fine and to say thank you to all her fans. Remember **Color Me Badd**? Well, they were working on a comeback album for next summer, except their record company realized what they

were working on is really bad and decided not to release it.

In related news, **Jenny McCarthy's tits** were seen on Rodeo Drive last week. In the music biz, **Mariah Carey** sucked off her 100th music executive last week and is planning to celebrate by eating food and then throwing up.

Charles in Charge star **Scott Baio's** body was found at the Tijuana border with a catatonic **Emmanuel Lewis** from TV's *Webster* clutching a tube of **K-Y Jelly** and a **buttplug** screaming, "These are my salad days!"

Indeed they are, Scott. Indeed they are.



Spineless goldfish used to be a rarity, but now, thanks to modern science, anyone can raise spineless goldfish for their own consumption.

Pet tips

New pet trends make exciting moves into the exotic food market

BY THE PET LADY

Got problems with your trendalicious hedgehog? Ask the Pet Lady, she'll extricate your gerbils from any precarious situation.

Today's topic: Edible Pets, the latest trend. How to treat your snacks well.

Dear Pet Lady,
What is this I hear about people eating their pets? That's sick!
Love,
Not Hungry.
Dear Not Hungry;
Edible pets are the newest trend in

animal ownership. Popularized by the success of the new Jim Carrey movie, *Ace Ventura: Pet Chef*, and the associated spin-off merchandise (cookbooks, a new Paul Newman salad dressing), all the hippest people are rushing out to find a pet to love and digest. But don't go blow your kids' college fund on some fancy pony roast when the latest in genetic engineering has provided cheaper alternatives: pre-deboned goldfish, whisker-less cats, and birds with no feet.

Here's some tips on caring for your new pets, before you chow down on Fluffy. Your boneless goldfish will require a little extra care if you invest in a very strong aerator that'll have the little guy scooting along like he had a skeleton. When he/she looks like the size of a trout, now is the time to scoop the fella up with the specially designed spineless goldfish nets that prevent the scales from being ripped off until after you prepare it. You can choose whether

or not to de-head your goldfish, but it is better for you to rip the internal system out by slicing from head to rectum, and using your finger to scoop the crap out. Sprinkle a bit of parsley (or cilantro) on the inside and outside of your fish, and squeeze some fresh lemon to season. A quick flip into the oven for 15 minutes, and Goldie is your new favourite food.

Whiskerless kittens are similarly easy to care for, especially since they should be harvested before adulthood. Have a supply of mother's milk on hand to feed the kittens, reserving some for your cream sauce. Because they are whiskerless, they'll bump into things a lot, and may cause some scarring from the countless injuries your kitty could sustain. For this reason, it's best to keep them relatively inactive, and also ensures tender flesh. Prepare as you would any other cat, but try a few new sauces to keep your family interested.

Perhaps the most unusual of the latest in edible pets is the innovative footless birds. Inspired by the surprising outbreak of mommy birds eating the feet of their children, science soon came to embrace this idea. These particular pets are easy to catch, and nice and plump from inactivity. Keep your birds well fed and watered, and remember to turn them over every few days to prevent

"nest sores."

Whiskerless Russian Kitten

1 medium size, short hair kitten, de-everything
1 cup/250 ml butter or margarine, softened
2 cloves of garlic, minced
3 Tbsp/45 ml apricot jam
3 Tbsp/45 ml Russian or Catalina dressing
Preheat your oven to 425°F (250° C).

In a small bowl, mix the butter with the garlic. Set aside.
In another small bowl, mix the jam and the dressing. Set aside.
If you haven't already done so, kill your kitten with a solid blow to the back of the head. This will prevent your kitten from hardening too quickly. You must work quickly, deboning and de-hairing your kitty while its blood is still warm. Slice your kitten at the neck to deblood it, and cut the head off if you so choose. When your kitten is to your liking, rinse and pat dry.
Smear the butter/garlic mixture on the entire kitten, and then spoon the jam/dressing mixture on the entire outside of the carcass.
Slip your kitten into the oven for 45 minutes or until golden brown and glistening.
Makes 3-4 servings.

National Joke

The Pope and Hilter get down

The Pontiff and Nazi scum make a special trip to Edmonton

BY ABDUL NEIGE

Move over Ben Affleck and Matt Damon. There's a new duo in town. It would seem that Hitler and Pope John Paul II have been clubbing together again. According to our hot-juicy sources, Hilder and the Pope were last seen at the Rebar dance club in Edmonton, hamming it up on top of speakers, dancing to Hitler's personal fave, 99 Luftballons.

The Pope even hiked up his robe for a bizarre interpretive highland dance that would make any Scot proud. He managed to give communion to some lucky club-goers, passing out wafers and wine to the throb of New Order's *Blue Monday*.

Later, the Pope stenciled, "SHOW ME YOUR TITS" on his really big pope hat. The Pope had his Polaroid camera on hand and apparently got a few delicious souvenirs to take back to Rome.

Meanwhile, Hitler gathered a large crowd of underage girls wearing tiny backpacks by showing them his impressive epaulets. He spoke of his days in Berlin, proclaiming, "Die Kaiser was keine Mann. Ich bin ein funky und ich habe die funk und ich kneed die funk, Wer hat die FUNK!!"

When the DJ started to play some jungle mixes of Madonna's *Like A Prayer*, the Pope apparently went berserk. His Holiness broke out into



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The hat dude gets some.

a wild tech-step frenzy, righteously screaming, "I'm in the ZONE!!! I'M IN THE ZONE!!!"

The sexy Hitler and Pope duo eventually moved downstairs to catch the industrial and hard-core music the club was playing that night. The two were seen moshing amongst retard-head bangers and painfully awkward Goth-kids to the strains of Marilyn Manson, Nine Inch Nails, and Joy Division. However, Hitler spazzed out and refused to dance to anything by Bauhaus. Last he was seen, Hitler was curled around the men's toilet covered in his own shit.

The Pope was last rumored to be performing a sexual exorcism with some eighteen-year-old girl in the back of his Popemobile. Wild and saucy.

National Joke



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Operating under the alias Larry, Hitler dances it up.

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Star Wars creator George Lucas brought a defamation lawsuit against three different pornographic filmmakers earlier this week, claiming that they violated the trademark title of his new film, *The Phantom Menace*.

Lucas claimed that the producers of *The Scrotum Menace*, *The*

LUCAS SUES PORN PRODUCERS

Phantom Man-Ass, and *The Pantiecum Fetish* infringed on the copyrighted title of the latest installment of the world's most popular sci-fi series.

Sol Waxload, the director of *The Scrotum Menace*, defended his film

as having nothing to do with *Star Wars* films, stating that it's the story of a character called Mannequin Assfucker who partakes in a spiritual journey of self-discovery and anal penetration. He claimed that the only similarities between his cre-

ation and Lucas's was that "we got that Hamill guy to play a bit part where he crams his flesh-sabre into someone's Dark Side, but other than that, there ain't nothing what's the same."

Lucas's lawyers busied themselves studying the evidence and would not comment. *National Joke*

New autobiography the hair-shirt of our times

Greatest literary accomplishment since The Bible tops *National Joke* bestseller list weeks before it hits the shelves

BY CONRAD BLACK

Simply put, *The Saddest Little Pony*: a dictator's moils—recounting the story of the life and times of the master of media, Conrad Black is a puissant piece of erudite elucidation and incisive investigation. Scheduled to be released as soon as I can strong-arm one of my many publishing corporations into printing my brilliance, *The Saddest Little Pony* is my autobiographical recounting of the story of my life and times, which I lived.

Conrad Black, the author of this belletristic book, walks the enraptured and captivated reader through the inspirational tale of his rise from lowly serf to nigh-omnipotent overlord of the print media world. His honesty in depicting his portrayals is honestly insouciant—an emotional portrayal wreaking magnanimity in flavour and colour in spectrum.

The Saddest Little Pony opens in wartime England, where young master Black is struggling in his father's sugar-cane fields, being viciously beaten by pirates and an evil circus midget named Winky. We follow our hero Conrad through his father's loss of the farm, and weep with him as he is forced to endure the ultimate indignity—being rented out by his wicked step-mother as a pony in a traveling petting zoo.

We are regaled with the pathos of his valiant struggle for emancipation and revel in the tragic beauty of his haunted, torrid, and torturous affair with his stablemate, John John.

Eventually, Black throws off the shackles of bridle and saddle and, in



a move best described as Herculean, seizes the reins of a struggling newspaper, *The Cockney Buggerer*, and begins his meteoric and storied rise to eminence.

Ultimately, we see Conrad grow from boy to man to God of all he surveys. We see the love between him and John John blossom and mature. We see the story of our time and we see it in Technicolour. Conrad Black is a wonderful man, whom all should worship and love.

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Despite the fact that the book hasn't even been printed yet, accusations are already flying that Black's autobiography is largely fantastic and without any actual foundation in reality. Obviously, these accusations are the singularly spurious concoctions of a liberal media, and should be immediately dismissed as such.

In closing, *The Saddest Little Pony* is set to shatter all existing records of book-sellery and become entrenched in the collective vernacular of our literature and our society. It is a testament to the indomitable will of one man and his powerlust, and a parabolic blueprint to today's lost youth.

National Joke

Porn sales erupt

BY GRABY JONES

Suck & Fuck videos have seen their highest popularity level ever.

"I remember when you would get one, maybe two guys in here at a time," spurs Spanky Wilson, long-time *Suck & Fuck* employee. "They would just stand at the opposite ends of the store, grab a quick tit flick, pay you the money without speaking, and then leave."

Now, due to an increased volume of customers, the store has 5 full time employees working during primetime.

"Primetime, or the 4 to midnight shift, is just busier than shit. I've never seen so many wankers in here."

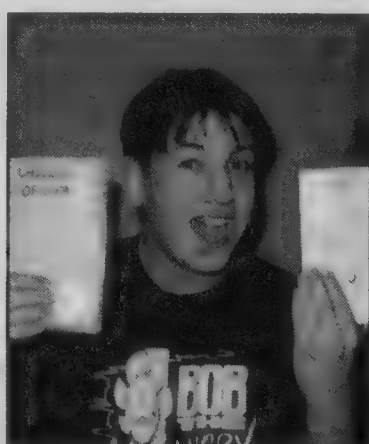
Suck & Fuck is not alone in this trend, as general pornographic consumption has risen steadily over the past two years by 146%.

Sammy "Humungor" Putchelli, owner of *Gargantuan Video* and star of the *Humungor in the Land of Young Anal Vixens* series, is excited. "I haven't sold so many anal videos since the early '80s. We recently sent out 4,000 units of *Pocahotass* and 8,000 units of *The Assford Wives* to Salt Lake City. I mean, who knew Mormons loved ass-fucking so much... really?"

Mr. Putchelli and industry analysts point to a number of contributing factors to explain this gigantic rise in pornography consumption. Viagra production has increased demand with the over-70 demographic, and the rise in technology-related jobs, such as computers, has also increased demand.

"It's hard not to make money," Mr. Putchelli spews. "I mean... engineers and computer guys have always been big consumers, what with having no social skills to attract women, but the old man market is just exploding all over the place. I think another consumer group that hasn't been tapped into enough is the middle-aged woman market. Once we can penetrate that group and figure out what they want, the market will erupt."

Mr. Wilson points out that the



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Lots of people like porn videos. Like this little loser with his stupid shirt. He likes it, and isn't afraid to let everyone know. Sucker.

increased variety of pornography has increased demand by reaching out to customers who can now satisfy their fetishes. He claims that the big rise has been in anal movies, with fatties and oldies not far behind. The anal market share has risen sharply since 1991, when it stood at just 9% of the total videos produced. It has risen to an unprecedented 58%.

"Almost all categories have made huge gains," gushes Yakem Jackemoff, stocks and bonds analyst for We Make U Money Investors. "The only shares that have lost points is huge tits. The market was flooded in the late '80s and early '90s, and has been in steady decline since then. Those shares are almost as worthless as a busted silicon breast."

Mr. Jackemoff blames the decrease in worth to low production values. "The [directors] got sloppy, and if you get sloppy, all you are left with is a big mess to clean up. Men got tired of seeing some guy high on coke get his girlfriend with comically large breasts to tit-fuck him. I mean, they lost the heart behind it." Despite the past few years' gains, Mr. Putchelli still expresses some reservations. "We only worry that the industry might become swollen from all the new competition that the increased demand has brought in. These people just see a hole and feel a need to fill it."

National Joke

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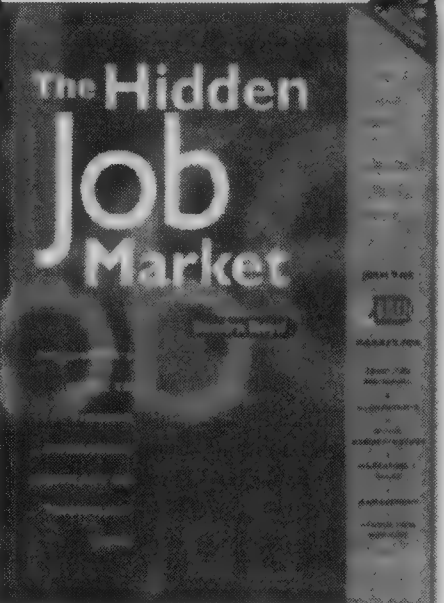
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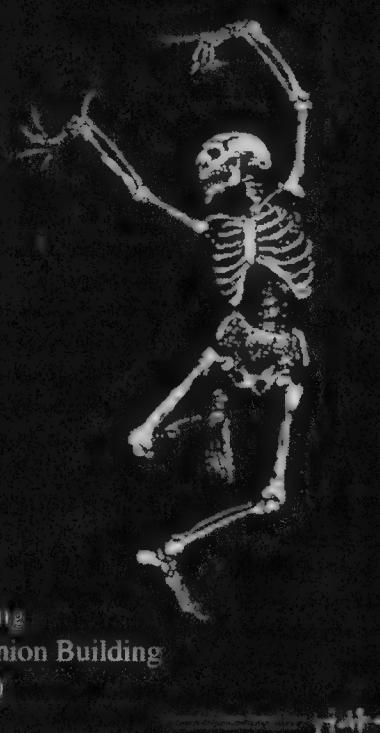


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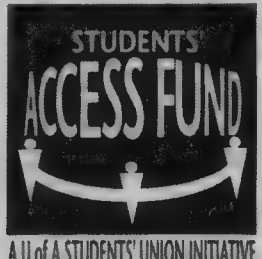
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A reminder for students who have yet to claim their opt-out contributions for the Winter semester; you may still do so at SUB Titles in the Students' Union Building until April 12, 1999. You will need to bring your One Card with you in order to claim your contribution.



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New Volunteer Service Approved!

The Students' Union is creating a new service that will collect and provide information to students on volunteer opportunities both within and outside the University campus. As more and more students are looking to volunteer as a means of contributing to their community and enhancing their career skills, a Volunteer Service offers access to these positions all at one location. This service, which was approved at the last Students' Council meeting, will be developed over the summer and ready to launch in September. We're really excited about being able to offer this aid to students, making the many potential volunteer opportunities more readily accessible, and we think this service will be a valuable addition to the other terrific services the Students' Union offers.

It's hard to believe that almost an entire year has passed by so quickly but, as the year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on what's been accomplished this year and share the many advances that we've been able to make. Christian Idicula, the Academic Affairs Coordinator, and I have had an incredible year working on academic issues that affect students and attending the many committee and individual meetings that are necessary to introduce changes at the University. We believe that a lot of progress has been made both in improving the communication between the Students' Union and various University groups, and in advancing students' academic interests over this past year.

Enhancement of Teaching

One of the major issues that we worked on was to assist with the improvement and recognition of teaching quality. Along with other faculty and administrative members of the University community, we examined, piloted and selected ten new questions that have been proposed to replace the current seven University Student Ratings of Instruction questions. As well, I met with and examined a number of innovative ideas of ways to improve the teaching profession and administrative academic campus that all students will be required to use. The University Teaching Services newsletter and distributed to all instructors and their department heads that might work well for them.

In an effort to assist instructors, we encouraged University Teaching Services to offer a course pack for instructors to construct and utilize a course pack. We also felt it was very important to acknowledge the many instructors who are striving to offer the highest possible quality of instruction to their students. To achieve this goal, we introduced the Students' Union Honour Roll which recognizes members of the campus community who make an extra effort to enhance student service, and the Coursepack of the Year Award which rewards instructors who have developed course packs that are of remarkable quality to the course.

Technology and Learning Resources

Another major issue for us was the integration of technology on the campus and in the classroom. Christian and I compiled, analysed and presented the data that was gathered from last year's Student Technology Survey, and used that information to inform the many officials on the access that students currently have to technology and the resources and services students require to assist in their studies. We also implemented a mandatory Technology Survey of incoming students during Orientation '98 to determine the skill level and expectations of students entering university as well as the needs of students. To facilitate student access to the many interesting technologies on campus, we also negotiated an agreement with the University of Alberta to make the student's choice of a more option for connecting to the Internet.

Learning resource service providers such as Computing and Communications and the ONEcard were also groups that I worked with a lot this year. Together, we formed student advisory groups that provide input on the services and projects that are undertaken. For instance, computer lab access and services, and GPU accounts are some of the issues that we have and will continue to discuss with CNS through methods such as an advisory group. We have seen a lot of great advancements from the ONEcard as well: the installation of ONEcard printers in computer labs all over campus and the proposed introduction of more ONEcard photocopiers and automatic deposit machines.

Scholarship and Bursary Funding

A third area that we concentrated on this year was scholarship and bursary funding. We gathered information on the types and amount of awards that are available and formulated a Students' Union policy that states that the awards money that is available should be distributed to as many students as possible to assist with the cost of their education. We have been lobbying for an increase in the amount of money that is given to continuing students as there is, per capita, much more funds given in recruitment scholarships than in awards to continuing students. I have also been negotiating with the University for an equitable breakdown of the scholarship and bursary dollars from the Single Source Cold Beverage deal.

These are just some of the major goals that we managed to accomplish this year. A large part of our success has been due to the great volunteers that we've had the privilege to work with. A BIG thank-you to the members of Academic Affairs Board, the awards selection committees, General Faculties Council and its subcommittees, the faculty association executives and all the other people who generously donated their time to advise us on academic issues and assist us with all of the projects we took on this year. Your contributions were a huge help and we really enjoyed the time we spent with you!

Lastly, I wanted to say a brief word about how much I've enjoyed being your Vice-President Academic. It has been a privilege and an honour to represent you this year and I sincerely thank you for giving me the opportunity to do so. It has been a year that I will never forget and I truly hope that I was able to make a valuable contribution towards improving academics at the University of Alberta.

With my thanks,
Kathryn Andrusky

Interested in Computing Issues on Campus?

A NEW student advisory committee has been created to advise Computing and Network Services about opinions or ideas concerning computing access and services on campus. This committee will be examining possible projects that CNS might introduce as well as give feedback on current computing resources. If you'd like to sit on the CNS Advisory Committee next year and help in advising CNS as to how computing on campus can be improved to enhance your studies, please contact Kathryn Andrusky at vp.academic@su.ualberta.ca or 492-4236.

Most accounts are pretty clean, the market's not too bad but...

Administration

General Administration

Includes: student fees, the SU mortgage on SUB, the loan payments for the 1993 renovation of SUB, the investment portfolio and all other expenses which are related to the overall operation of the SU.

Office Administration

Provides clerical, accounting, organizational, office, and personnel support, as well as overall management of the SU.

Facilities & Operations

Provides all maintenance and facility support for the SU. This department also receives the rent from SUB tenants.

Political

CASA

The SU's costs as a member of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations. Federal representation, presenting a unified voice across Canada. CASA dues and CASA conference costs are in the budget.

Services

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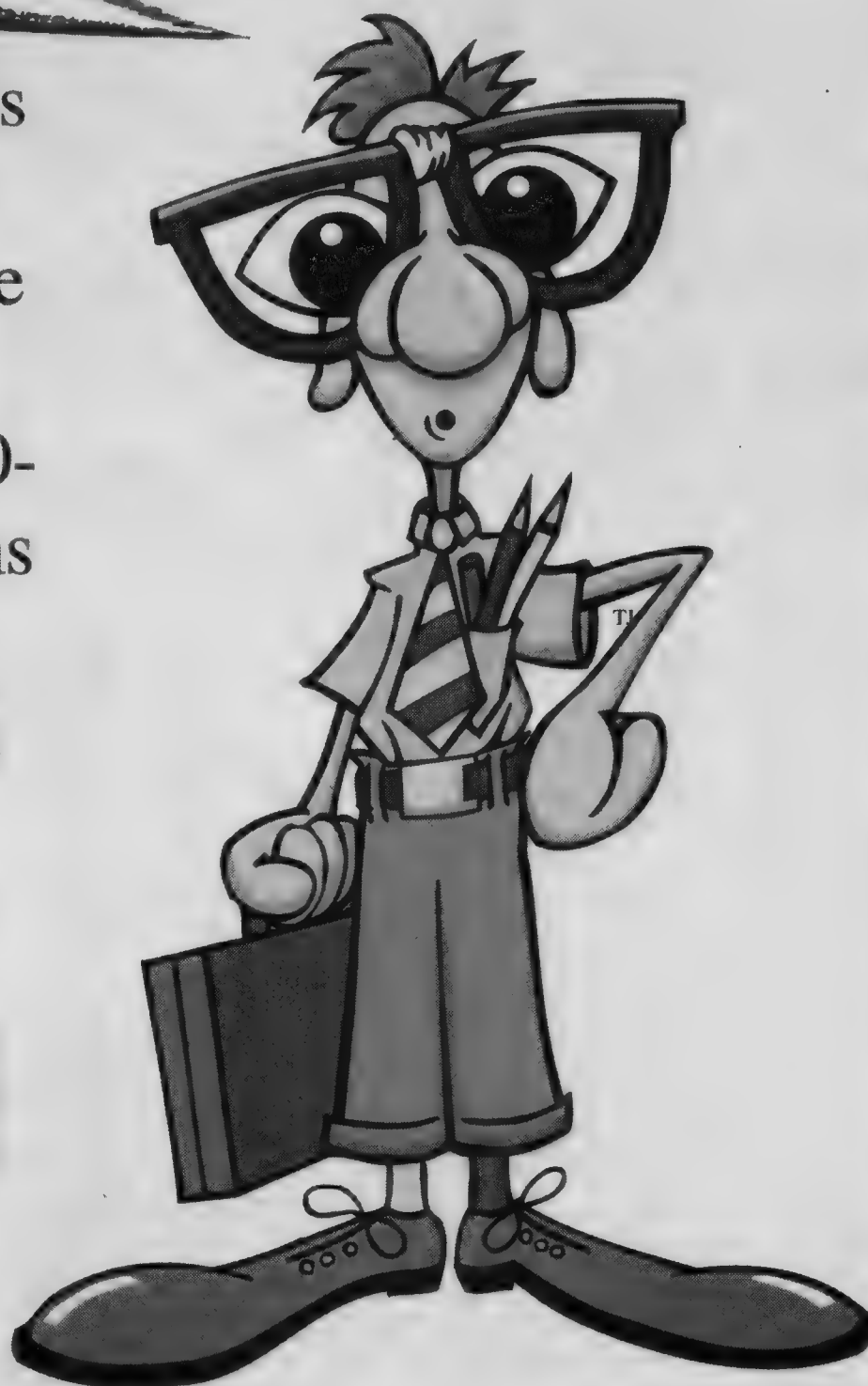
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		Revenues	Expenses	Net (A-B)		Expenses	Net (D-E)	
	Administration							
400	General Administration	1214964	663472	551,492	1,214,964	663,472	551,492	0
402	Office Administration	37385	384812	(347,507)	35,125	379,631	(344,506)	3,001
411	Facilities & Operations	1036270	714974	321,296	1,033,169	697,810	335,359	14,063
	Total Administration	2,288,539	1,763,258	525,281	2,283,258	1,740,913	542,345	17,064
	Political							
425	Research & Information		38091	(38,091)		40,924	(40,924)	(2,833)
500	Students' Council/President	60000	191872	(131,872)	60,000	178,799	(118,799)	13,073
509	Elections & Referenda		41260	(41,260)		41,260	(41,260)	0
519	VP Academic		59028	(59,028)		59,028	(59,028)	0
520	VP Operations and Finance		25460	(25,460)		23,709	(23,709)	1,751
521	VP External	3300	53729	(50,429)	6,033	56,462	(50,429)	0
523	VP Student Life Orientation		52913	(52,913)		52,412	(52,412)	501
525	Spring and Summer CASA	110500	146688	(36,088)	111,597	145,387	(33,790)	2,298
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			31720	(31,720)		31,720	(31,720)	0
	Total Political	173,800	640,661	(466,861)	177,630	629,701	(452,071)	14,790
	Services							
	Services Manager		51038	(51,038)		46,031	(46,031)	5,007
610	Ombudservice	5250	49046	(43,796)	5,250	48,046	(42,796)	1,000
611	SORSE			0		0	0	0
612	Student Help		33629	(33,629)		33,610	(33,610)	19
616	Info/Registries	60347	152755	(92,408)	63,377	151,612	(88,235)	4,173
624	Student Group Services	10900	79613	(68,613)	11,455	80,070	(68,615)	(2)
646	Safewalk		30071	(30,071)		30,071	(30,071)	0
	Food Bank		5627	(5,627)		5,627	(5,627)	0
	Marketing Department	31957	49087	(17,130)	15,146	28,195	(13,049)	3,781
642	Gateway & Media	31170	54012	(22,842)	27,272	239,072	(11,800)	(9,358)
644	Student Handbook	52200	58160	(5,960)	43,385	52,655	(9,270)	(3,310)
	VIDS	39080	26924	12,156	38,750	16,303	22,447	10,291
	Total Services	451,304	789,862	(338,558)	404,635	731,592	(326,957)	11,601
	Entertainment & Events							
712	SUB Programming	16979	16979	0	16,976	14,682	2,094	2,094
713	Alternative Programming	11961	24488	(12,527)	32,147	44,674	(12,527)	0
714	Week of Welcome	73466	73466	0	86,195	72,317	13,878	13,878
750	Dinwoodie Lounge	123199	123675	(476)	110,425	115,626	(5,201)	(4,725)
755	Myer Horowitz Theatre	182216	211479	(29,264)	149,954	187,593	(37,639)	(8,375)
760	Special Events	147321	146738	583	109,862	119,298	(9,436)	(10,019)
	Total Entertainment/Events	555,141	596,825	(41,684)	505,559	554,390	(48,831)	(7,147)
	Retail							
805				0			0	0
810	SUBtitles	318341	235263	83,088	307,634	216,639	90,795	7,707
	Print Centre	381625	358961	22,664	357,094	369,659	(12,565)	(35,229)
821	Empty Pocket (Games Room)	78985	49723	29,262	64,498	42,337	22,161	(7,101)
825	Postal Outlet	434580	421197	13,383	397,969	387,148	10,821	(2,562)
	Total Retail	1,213,531	1,065,134	148,397	1,127,195	1,015,983	111,212	(37,185)
	Food & Beverage							
832	RATT	457620	379938	77,682	460,047	374,938	85,109	7,427
835	L'express	437869	402941	34,928	423,402	397,715	25,687	(9,241)
	Power Plant	1281906	1159060	122,826	1,329,002	1,192,165	136,837	14,011
	Total Food & Beverage	2,177,395	1,941,959	235,436	2,212,451	1,964,818	247,633	12,197
841	Non-Food Retail Rent							0
	VIDS Recovery							0
	Operating Totals	6,959,710	6,797,699	62,011	6,710,728	6,637,397	73,331	11,320
	Capital Expenditures							
910	Capital Equipment	89526	168806	(69,280)	89,953	169,233	(69,280)	0
	Total Capital Expenditures	89,526	168,806	(69,280)	89,953	169,233	(69,280)	0
	Operating and Capital Totals	6,949,236	6,966,505	(17,269)	6,800,681	6,796,630	4,051	11,320
	Reserved Funds							
920	Building Reserve	11064		11,064	8,295		8,295	2,769
940	Legacy Fund	138303	138303	0	86,440	0	86,440	(86,440)
	Campus Recreation Fund	152231	152231	0	103,878	152,232	(48,354)	48,354
945	SIEF	34613	9899	24,714	23,168	661	22,507	2,207
950	SFAIC	82186	100920	(18,732)	56,071	76,930	(20,859)	2,127
960	WUSC	13926	13926	0	15,005	15,000	5	(5)
970	Eugene Brody Board	13920	13920	0	8,700	8,700	0	0
	Access Fund	667630	606650	60,980	441,095	219,095	222,000	(161,020)
	Total Reserved Funds	1,113,881	1,035,855	78,026	742,652	472,618	270,034	(392,009)
	Total	8,063,117	7,992,360	70,757	7,543,333	7,269,248	274,085	

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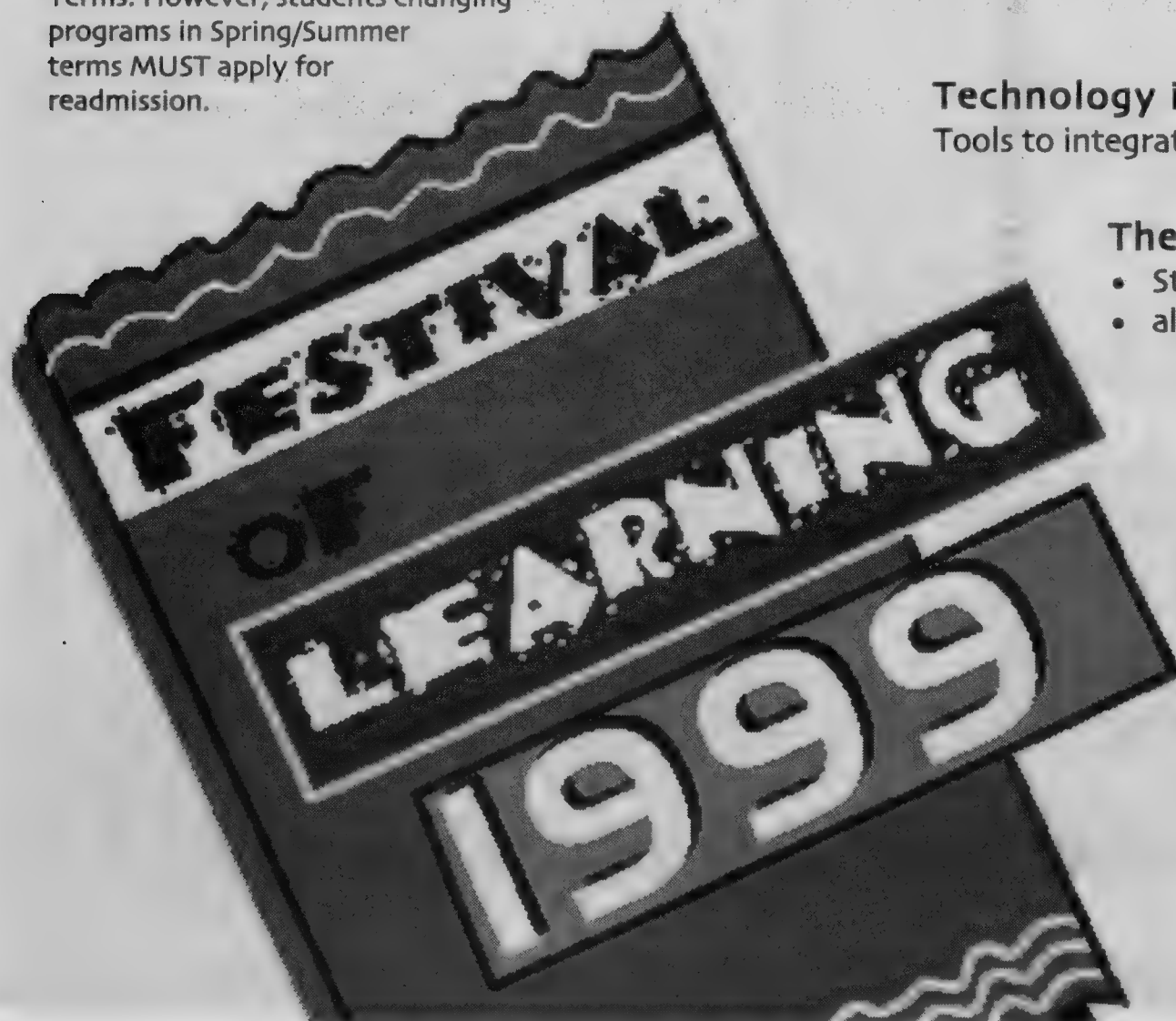
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OILERS OUT OF NHL

Commissioner Gary Bettman decides the Oilers suck and don't deserve to win any more games. Page B11

LACROSSE PRO LEAGUE SACKED

Over 50 men will be without job in a couple weeks, but they hope to receive a government subsidy to keep the league alive. Page B10

McGwire traded to Edmonton

Suits up as Oilers starting goaltender against Calgary

BY CHRISTINA WAYES

EDMONTON • Mark McGwire, who last year hit a record 70 home runs in one season, has decided to leave the MLB's St. Louis Cardinals for Edmonton. But it isn't the PCL's Trappers he will join, rather, it will be the Edmonton Oilers of the NHL.

As the Oilers' goaltending woes continue, President and General Manager Glen Sather has been searching endlessly for someone to step it up between the pipes. After his search of every professional hockey league on the planet proved futile, Sather decided to try his hand at acquiring the home run king to add some life to his pathetic line-up.

McGwire will leave the Cards and join the Oilers in Edmonton for their game against the Calgary Flames on Friday night. Big Mac reportedly signed for a whopping \$5.8 million dollars and a lifetime supply of creatine and androstenedione.

"I am so excited to go to Edmonton," McGwire said. "I couldn't imagine when Sather agreed to the lifetime supply of andro. My dealer was pretty upset, though. He said I was his best customer."

Sather hopes McGwire's bulging biceps will strike fear into opposing players and prevent them from taking shots. In the odd circumstance that a player should take the shot, McGwire will simply bat the puck into the upperdeck, just the same as he does in baseball.

"I think he can hit more than 70 for us," said the ecstatic Sather.

Oilers' head coach, Ron Low, a former goaltender himself, had other reasons for supporting the move.

"Last time out, against the Ays, that Frenchie bastard Roy tried to embarrass the hell out of us," Low said. "It's fucking humiliating, let me tell ya, but I know that Big Mac will be better than those two pussies we have in net right now, even if he does play baseball."

Those pussies, veteran Bob Essensa and Swede Tommy Salo, could only sit and sulk as they heard the news. They had only themselves to blame for this move, but they both hotly denied it had anything to do with the poor quality of their play in recent weeks.

"We have too many fucking Yanks on this team as it is," said Essensa. "This is a tough game, it isn't for a wuss who uses andro to make his arms that big."

"Are those his real biceps?" asked the wide-eyed Salo.

The other Oiler players, meantime, had mixed feelings about the event.

"This has got to be a joke. I can't believe Slatos would do this," said captain Kelly Buchberger. "What the hell does a rich boy from California know about old time hockey?"

Oilers forward Pat Falloon was more diplomatic. He plans to show McGwire the ropes, and hopes to teach him about life in Canada.

"Yeah, I think we'll go curling on the first day, ice fishing after that . . . maybe we can even play lacrosse — do you think he'd play lacrosse with me?"

Other players had a more difficult time masking their excitement. Oilers assistant captain Doug Weight, who was born and raised in America, showed up to practice sporting Cardinals' jerseys, hats, and flags. Weight even had a video tape of all of McGwire's 70 home runs on it.

"McGwire, man, he's the ticket. He the man," said Weight. "He THE MAN!!!"

Oilers forward Rem Murray, who hails from a small Ontario town, and has played practically every single role for the Oilers this season, seemed kind of down when reporters approached him.

"I can't understand why they didn't ask me to try. I could do it, you know. I at least deserved the chance. I've done everything for them this year . . . why didn't they ask me?"

The Canadian Press

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NEW RULES FOR WNBA

BY TOP BALONEY

An idea that is long past due has finally made its way into reality. In a move that is certain to ensure that the sport of women's basketball will survive into the new millenium, it was recently announced that, starting next week, every athlete in the Women's National Basketball Association will play in full nudity.

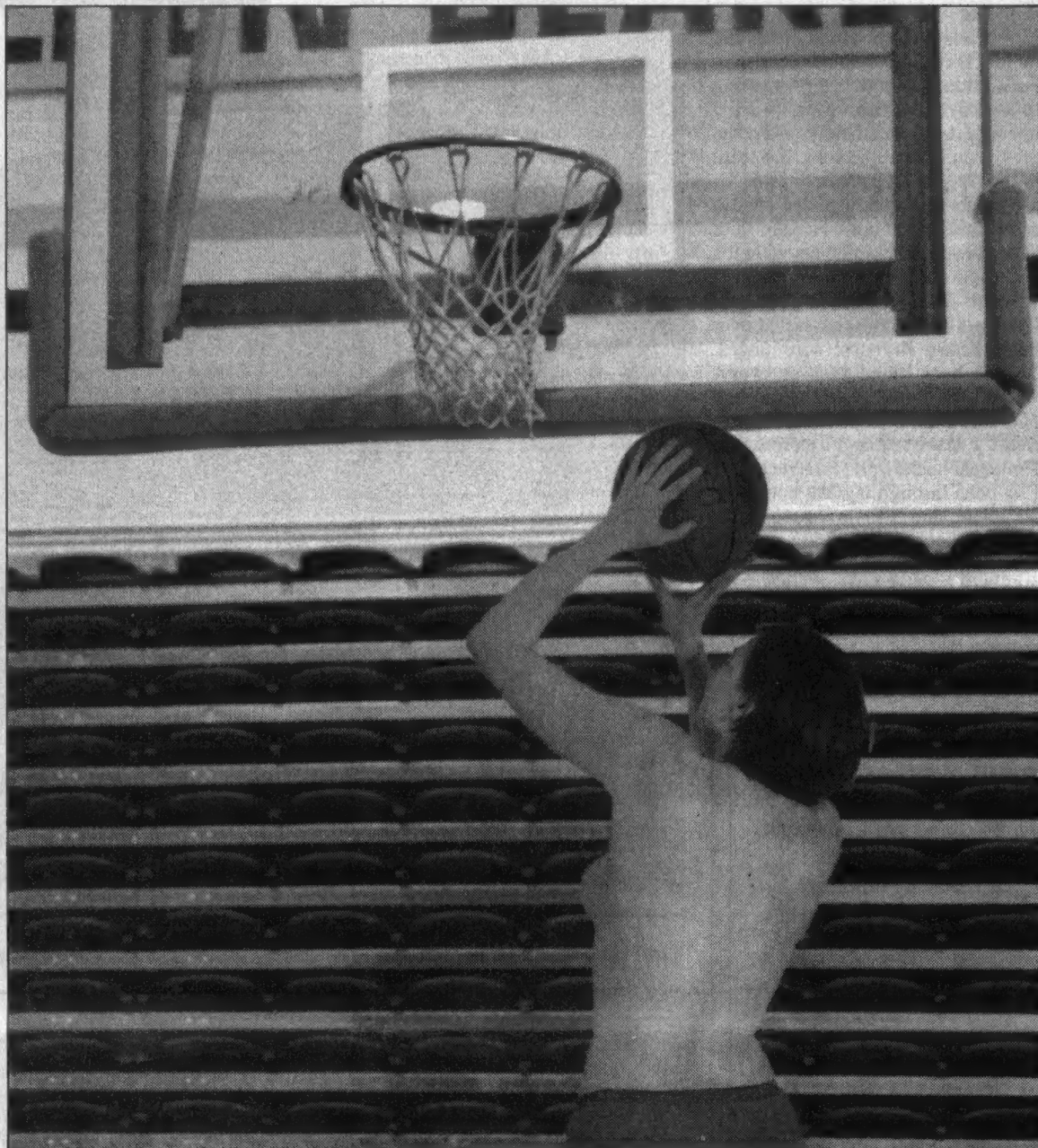
In a much ballyhooed press conference Tuesday night in Atlanta, Martha Washington, President and Commissioner of the WNBA, announced the plans.

"I just thought that, since women don't like watching sports, and because men don't like watching women play sports, that the best way to get men out to the games was to show them some sweet booty," said Washington in an exclusive interview with another paper, which the *National Joke* is now quoting.

The move to full nudity was greeted with furor by many stupid women's groups, but I don't feel like quoting those crazy broads. My buddies all think it is cool.

In other news, every single member of the WNBA Player's Association quit yesterday.

National Joke



KARA KOPJOVIC / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jessica Besong is shown here practicing in her new WNBA uniform. As a new rule, the players now play naked.

Puddle skiing is the wave of the future

BY MIKE RANDLOPH

Now that winter is meeting its end for yet another season, a new sport has emerged in Canada that threatens to replace hockey as our national sport: puddle skiing. This new sport is quite similar to water skiing except instead of a huge body of water, athletes are forced to ski in puddles that are randomly scattered. Contrary to popular belief, puddle skiing is not a sport designed for the athletically-challenged. In fact, this is one of the most dangerous sports in the world since the athletes perform on the streets or sidewalks, and are thus susceptible to the hazards often posed by cars, bicycle riders, and guided horse and buggy tours. Athletes are taught how to dodge speeding cars, and more importantly, the precautions to take after stepping in horse shit.

"The first time I stepped in horse shit, it was the worst moment of my life," said first time puddle skier Ryan Dukes. "It covered my skis. I started slipping and sliding into the horse shit . . . I just couldn't handle it. When it was all over I stood up, covered in shit. It was 4 days before I finally got rid of the smell. It was the worst moment of my life."

After years of struggling to make it as a successful water skier, Tammi-Lee Samson first heard about puddle skiing from a frat friend who had tried the sport while vacationing in

Oklahoma.

"I was having so much trouble with water skiing," said the shaply Samson. "And, I really really didn't want to quit. So, when Billie-Bob, that's my friend, told me how this sport had changed his life, I decided to try it. Boy, am I ever glad that I did."

Ever since the sport came into existence, many people have taken it up. Today, its count is at nearly 10 people. Samson is the only person who actively competes and she hopes to start up a tour next season.

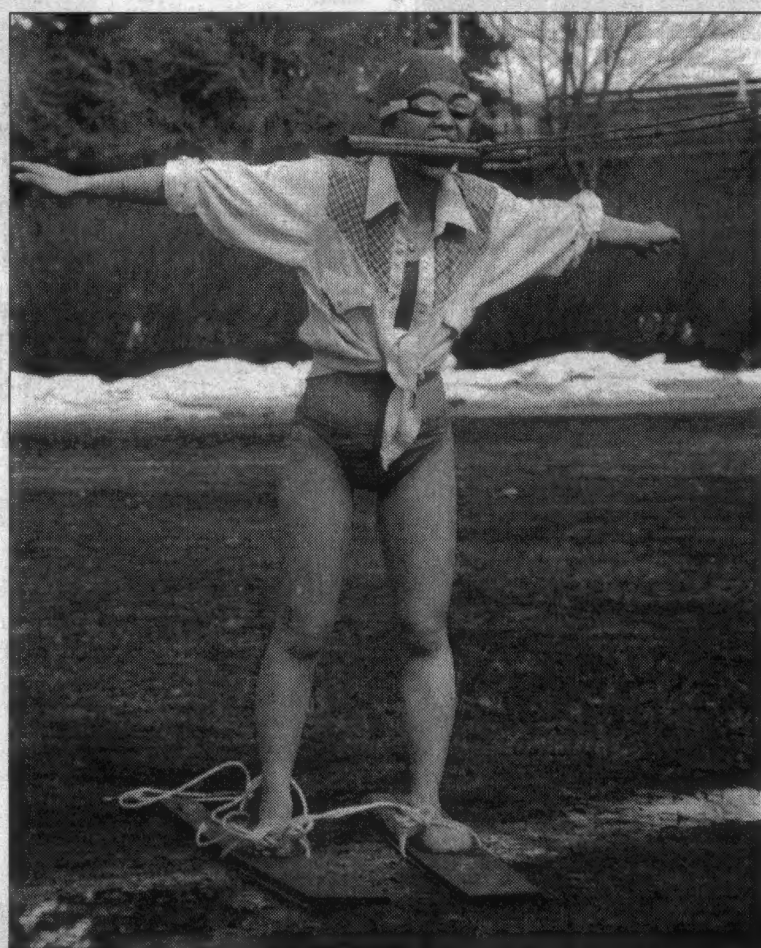
"Puddle skiing is going to become one of the most popular sports in a couple of years. People finally realize what kind of cardio workout they can get out of puddle skiing."

Both Samson and Dukes hope to one day compete at the Olympics, but first, they plan on holding the first-ever world championships in Hinton.

"Puddle skiing is the wave of the future . . . it's the new ultimate," said frat boy Brett Salken. "I always thought football and hockey were the macho sports, but that was before I discovered the joy of puddle skiing. Now, when my friends ask me to go outside to throw around the pigskin or play shinny, I always say: 'no, I'd much rather go puddle skiing.'"

National Joke

Mike Randolph's features appear weekly, if you care



JON HORNUNG / NATIONAL JOKE

Tammi-Lee Samson has been heralded as the next World Champion. Do you care? I do. I get paid to do this. Paid a lot of money. Paid a lot of money to look at stupid people playing stupid sports. Kill me now.

The Oilers, Josée and Conrad

From Cam Cole's secret memoirs



CAM COLE

It's been close to a year now since I left *The Edmonton Journal* and the City of Edmonton behind. And, if there's one thing I've learned since I did, it's that I should've done it about twenty years ago.

And also, I wish I worked at *The Globe and Pail*.

If you've ever been to Edmonton, you probably know that it ain't got nothing or nobody that can keep up with this short, stocky, pudgy, mustachioed god of sports writing. I'm kidding of course. I'm not the god of sports writing . . . god of writing, yeah that's the stuff.

I used to jump at any chance I got to get out of Edmonton. In fact, that's why I started feigning interest in this figure-skating shit. You think I watch that crap because I like it? Because it's even the slightest bit interesting? No. It's about as painful to watch as Bob Saget. Well, actually, that isn't really possible at all, but it is really, really painful nonetheless.

I lost the only ounce of interest I ever had in it, the minute Josée Chouinard took off those form-fitting tight tights for the last time. Mmmmm Josée.

But anyway, now that I'm here, Conny . . . err, I mean Mr. Black (he likes to be called 'Mr. Black' or 'the Almighty One' or 'El Supremo' or 'Grand Master Who Knows All, Controls All, And Reserves The Right To Buy And Sell You And Your Immediate Family If He So Desires') expects me to cover every fucking figure skating gala event of the year.

Fuckin' Bastard. Oh, what's he gonna do, fire me? I'm the biggest sports columnist in town. In fact, good buddy Conrad needs me so much, that he would probably lend me his wife Babs for an evening of debauchery in the CamCove of Love, just to keep me happy.

Oh yeah, Edmonton. Saying Edmonton is a big-league town is like saying the *National Joke* is a real newspaper. When the Oilers miss the playoffs this year, the only thing left to do in the city for the summer is look forward to five months of . . . uhh . . . uhh . . . well to be perfectly honest with you, there's nothing to do there.

And speaking of the Oilers. How about Ron Low? Could this guy look any more like Hitler if he tried? It's time to chop the 'stache Ronnie. I know, I know, I'm one to talk. I've seen six administrations walk through the White House since my upper lip last saw the light of day, but come on Ronnie, look in the mirror.

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Lindros' lung collapses

Eric Lindros is still waiting in Nashville Memorial hospital, waiting for doctors to tell him to travel. He spends his days watching Jerry Springer and Montel Williams. "He's one of the strangest patients I've ever had," said Phillip Laud. "One minute he's hollering at me to get my hands off his man, and in the next, he's wanting to sit around talk about his feelings."

Replay irks NHLers

The NHLPA is launching a protest against what they call "illegal uses of the instant replay." Last weekend, Toronto Maple Leaf captain Mats Sundin was caught with stuffing his hands down his pants in between shifts. He was reportedly repeating Chris Chelios' name while he did the dirty deed. NHLPA representatives met last week to discuss the severity of the situation. They want to ban instant replay unless it involves a specific play — only on the ice — pertaining to players. NHL alumni Gordie Howe and Bobby Orr were also in attendance.

No one cares about this

A Canadian boy played really shitty hockey this weekend. We decided to tell you about him, because we had nothing else to do. Instead of passing the puck to his teammates, he handed it to the opposition. Instead of keeping pucks out of his net, he put them in. And, rather than skating like a man, he decided to try his best figure skating moves. Basically, he played like I do. His coach, Jim James was not impressed and threatened to show him some figure skating moves of his own. "Who does he think he is? If he wants to stay on this team he better start playing like a man."

NHLer sees the light

NHL heavyweight Tie Domi has decided to take a one year sabbatical from hockey to join the priesthood. The man who has become most famous for his two-second take downs of his opponents says he knows the move will help him to become a more well-rounded NHL player. Domi saw the light when his team was playing against the St. Louis Blues. He went into the boards against another fighter, Tony Twist, as the two were about to scuffle, Domi said he heard a voice. "It said Tie, be a healer, not a bruiser." Domi hasn't looked back since. Better start playing like a man."

NHL expansion

The NHL has decided that it wants to expand again. This time, they organization wants to reach out to the smaller market teams. So, for the year 2045, Sylvan Lake, A.B., Brandon, Man., Prince Albert, Sask., and Paris, Ont., will receive NHL teams. They will receive a \$15 million per year subsidy to finance their expenses and they will have their pick of any two superstars from other NHL teams for free. The teams haven't yet chosen their names, but plans are underway to build arenas. NHL officials are reported to be praying for an asteroid to hit earth in the year 2000.

They said it

"It felt like Andre the Giant was sitting on my chest . . . No, that doesn't begin to describe it. Make that Rosie O'Donnell was sitting on my chest." — Eric Lindros, when asked to describe the pain he went through after suffering a collapsed lung against the Nashville Predators. "I just got lost." — Shayne Corson, attempting to explain why he chased Vancouver Canuck Ed Jovanovski into the Canuck's locker room after the match. The NHL disciplinarians didn't believe him and Corson was handed a six-game suspension from playing.

Prince George Iron Men hope the change will do them some good

CRAIG "IRON MAN" HARTING TAKES OVER COACHING DUTIES

BY ALAN WHIIPS

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. • Let's face it — the Prince George Iron Men need help. With a 1-35-1 record this season, they are just one game away from being eliminated from the playoffs.

The team has gone through five head coaches this year, and the owners finally took matters into their own hands on Tuesday. Craig "Iron Man" Harting, majority owner of the Prince George franchise, named himself the team's interim head coach and is looking to make some major changes in order to get the team turned around.

"These guys are a bunch of out of shape slackers," Harting said. "I'm going to lay the smack down on

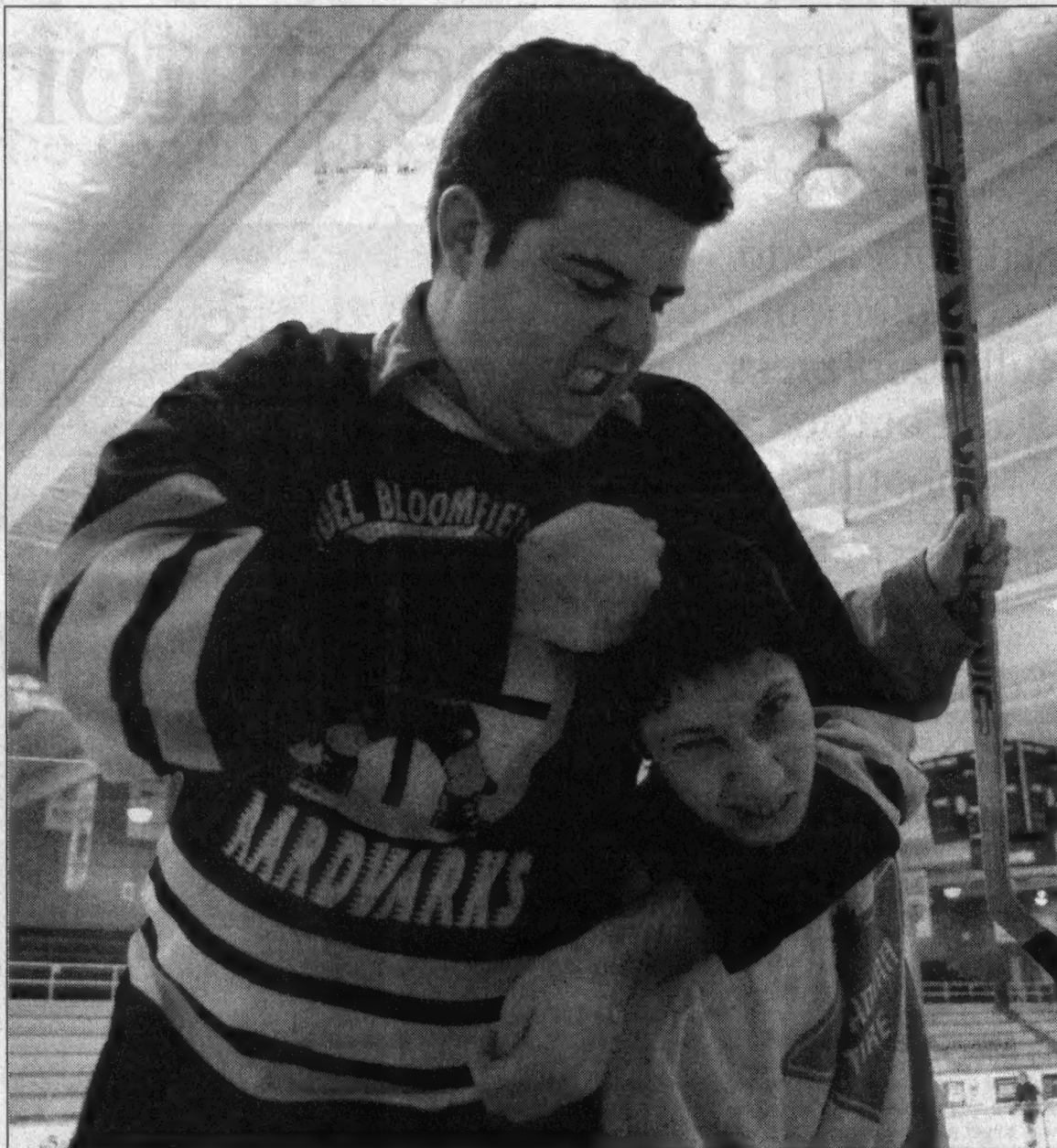
these bums and show them what real pain is."

Harting, a former Hard Core European Cruiserweight champion in the British Columbia Wrestling Federation, hopes to bring wrestling to hockey. The "Iron Man" wasted no time as immediately after the press conference, he took his team to the ring to get back to "basics."

"I'm going to show these candy-asses a real work out," Harting said. "I'm showing these players what it's like to be a real Iron Man."

"We're in a must win situation. I've been in matches that lasted over three hours in barb wire cages. There's been blood gushing everywhere, ribs broken, teeth knocked out, but didn't stop me," Harting said. "I never realized it before, but I'm a real hockey player. Everything I've been through is what hockey is all about and I'm going to show these buckets of lard a thing or two."

Harting's introduction of "hard core hockey" didn't go over well with his players. After the practice,



ALLAN DIMNES/ACENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

The Prince George Iron Men demonstrate some of the tactics they will use against their competition. They will win.

several players went to the hospital with concussions, twisted knees, and broken ankles.

"This isn't hockey," defenceman Mike Hamilton said. "What the hell does hitting someone over the head with a chair have to do with hockey? I didn't work all my life for this."

"My knee is screwed," left wing Darrell Tugnut said. "I had problems with it before but that bastard hit it with a lead pipe and put me in the 'figure-4.' It probably ended my career. He said it would build strength in my knee. What a fucking idiot."

Naturally, Harting is having a tough time accepting the view of his players.

"This sport is made for the hard core. What other sport allows you to use a big stick, and sharp knives at your feet?" Harting said. "It only seems natural that hockey is built around violence. Fighting is actually accepted here. I'm only showing these pansies their potential."

Of course, so much is expected of

this team and its now-found coach. The team needs a win, bad, starting against the Calgary Macho Men tomorrow.

With limited time though, many doubt Harting's ability to get this team to succeed so early. However, the "Iron Man" doesn't see it that way.

"We're going to open up a can of whup-ass all over this league," Harting said. "I don't care what anyone thinks or says. We're going to win or die trying! Macho Men my ass."

It's ironic that Harting's coaching debut would come against the Macho Men, for his arch enemy, Fred "Macho Man" Gerard, is the sole owner of the team. In fact, the BCWF will feature a special hard core match on the ice during the second intermission in a rematch of last month's Wrestle Fest XVII match between the two.

"This is going to be the pinnacle of sports entertainment," BCWF owner Vince Turner said. "Wrestling and hockey together are the ultimate combination that is going to take the world by storm!"

The game has already been sold out, marking the first time the stands will be even half-full since Harting bought the team in 1994. Although it may seem like a farce, it is selling tickets.

"This is so stupid. I'm ashamed of what the game has turned into," National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettman said. "If this kind of shit goes on in Canada, we should just get rid of Canadian hockey all together. It's just a publicity stunt and freak show all rolled into one."

"This night is going to rock. Our team is finally going to win under my guidance, and I'm going to get my title back," Harting countered. "I only lost the title because that backstabbing son-of-a-bitch cheated."

No matter the result, the game is going to make history. The game is even being picked up by Pay-Per-View networks across Canada, and for the small fee of \$89.95, you can see it too. Blood and broken bones are always associated with hockey, and now that description will finally be realized.

The Canadian Press

NHL GAME OF YESTERDAY

Calgary Flames at Edmonton Oilers

■ TV: A-Channel (Edmonton), other channels (they don't care)

■ Why this game matters: Because if the Flames win, they'll move three points up on the Oilers. And if the Oilers win ... wait a second, do I even need to address impossibilities?

■ Hidden stat: Calgary is 18-10-2 in games when they score first, have more guys in their lineup than their opposition with last names starting with M, and have played the previous game against a team that won 37 games in 1972. Edmonton is 5-4-1 in games at home, when they've scored two or more powerplay goals, have seven people in the lineup who would rather be at home watching Dawson's Creek (starring Katie Holmes), are being seen by a guy named Fredo in section 201, row 35, seat 7, and have 9 out their 20 players who chose Trojan as their brand of protection the night previous.

■ Unspoken question: Why did it take this long for the Oilers to realize they suck?

Mark Spector, Edmonton Urinal

Another Canadian team is in jeopardy

IT'S NOT HOCKEY THIS TIME

'We just wanna play'
says father of seven

BY CHRIS MOANS

FLIN FLON, MB • Canadian hockey teams are always in serious financial trouble. And, now, after the NHL has taken serious measures to help the small market teams, another Canadian team is about to go bankrupt. The Flin Flon Cardigans, of the Minor Minor Semi-not-even-close-to-professional Professional Lacrosse League has trouble drawing their fans. Last weekend they only drew four fans to fill their 50-seat arena.

"This is very frustrating," said Phillip Warriner, who has seven children. "We just wanna play. I had so many dreams about showing my children how to play this game."

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FOOTBALL

Rzeznick on second career

BUFFALO, N.Y. • Johnny Rzeznick, lead guitarist for the Goo Goo Dolls, is trading in his guitar for a football helmet. The Buffalo native, who was the back-up punter on his high school football team, got a lot of support from many of the Buffalo coaching staff and players. "This guy has talent. I've seen him workout once, and I think he can fill my shoes," former Bills quarterback Jim Kelly said. "He has strength and attitude, and the rest will happen." Go get em, Johnny. Your last name is stupid.

TENNIS

Chicks with tits play ball

PARIS, FRA • A bunch of big-breasted women in short skirts who jump up and down and continue to run around on a court—is there anymore we have to tell you? Oh yeah, they also get really really sweaty, too. Then there's that grunting noise they make before they hit the long bomb. Think about it folks: young girls running around after a hard ball, grunting and groaning everytime they touch it with their racket. They let you watch this sport, and you aren't a pedophile . . . it's perfectly legal.

CURLING

Eat at Taco Time. Yum

MOOSE JAW, SASK • The little town of Moose Jaw was in flames last night after everybody realized that curling was a really boring sport. "I've wasted my life!" screamed a local retarded man, "I've been curling ever since my daddy used to take me out to the lake and fuck me." He later added that he and his father also curled, but this reporter wasn't listening anymore. While in Moose Jaw, this reporter made sure to visit the Taco Time on bustling Main Street. You should too.

GOLF

Rzeznick on second career

SYDNEY, AUS • A lot of golf happened yesterday in sunny Australia. Many people were seen in bizarre articles of clothing, swinging four-hundred dollar pieces of titanium at a little crappy ball. As everyone's nipples got progressively harder and harder, Tiger Woods' caddy ripped off his pants and screamed, "Touch my balls, you fucking Nazis!!" Everyone was real surprised, let me tell ya. What suprised this reporter most of all was the alarming number of Porta-Potties. Majestic in their numbers, those fuckin' toilets.

COCKFIGHTING

Cocks fight a lot

SAO PAULO, BRA • Busy day in the world of cockfighting today. Master Cocksman John Steele fended off two starving, naked Kenyans in a display that can only be described as genuinely arousing. As I talked with Mr. Steele after the fights, he mentioned that "most people think that cockfighting has something to do with roosters and betting. Well, this is totally unfounded! Cockfights are nothing more than two guys with no pants on trying to fuck each other. Pure and simple."

WATERSPORTS

People pee on each other

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH • All-star urinator Vlad Peealot of the Salt Lake City Pee-Men injured his bladder by drinking excessive amount of Coca-Cola on Tuesday. The blinding saltiness of the watersportsman's urine — he's from Salt Lake City, you see — made him a deadly competitor, but his doctor forbade him from relieving himself for three weeks following the accident. Without its star player, the Salt Lake City team was expected to plummet in the rankings. Keep your legs crossed, Mr. Peealot.

Stockwell Day
tours Oilers'
dressing room
after tough
loss

BY SCOTT HAMILTON

VANCOUVER • The Vancouver Canucks may have defeated the Edmonton Oilers 5-4 last Saturday, but some of the more interesting action occurred after the game when Alberta Treasurer Stockwell Day toured the Oilers' dressing room to, in Day's words, "pick up the boys after the loss."

Day entered the dressing room as soon as Oilers' coach Ron Low made it available to visitors; and stayed until every last Oiler had showered and dressed. Day met many of the Oilers as they emerged from the showers, asking them to consider supporting the United Alternative movement, saying, "you really ought to consider alternative choices in life."

In one rather curious exchange overheard between Day and Oilers' assistant captain Doug Weight, Day asked a dripping wet Weight if he would sign his stick. "What stick?" asked Weight, as Day had no stick with him.

"Guess," responded Day. "I don't know what stick you're talking about," Weight said.

"My Titan," said Day, cryptically.

Later, when Roman Hamrlik emerged from the showers, Day approached him, but then appeared to lose his train of thought as he marveled at the Oiler defencemen's water-slicked body, before finally uttering, "goodness gracious."

Day seemed to take a real shine to many of the Oilers; he gave some of them his private business phone number, and he even told newly acquired goalie Tommy Salo that he was available to show Salo "the ropes around Edmonton, and believe me Tommy, I have some interesting ropes to show you."

National Joke

OILERS JUST TOO
CUTE TO WIN

COLE

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As for your coaching tactics, well, maybe it's time for a change? That brilliant strategy you've used many times this year of getting the boys so fired up before the game down by a converted touchdown could use some fine tuning.

One final piece of advice Ronnie. I don't think you need to bother renewing your Skyreach Centre parking pass for next year.

Just kidding Ronnie. No one ever gets fired by the Oilers organization. They might disappear from the front lines for a year or two, but they always find their way back into things somehow, for some strange reason. Sound familiar, Ted Green?

I think I'll just fill the rest of my space with a little something I like to call:

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It's a very clever space filler I developed during my time in the City of Champions.

Bucky, love ya man. But it's been over ten years. Time for a new chin-strap buddy. Have you ever seen the color of that thing he wears?

And as for the whole Edmonton Oilers team. Watching them is kind of like watching Kelly Hrudey or Craig Simpson do color commentary. You can tell they're really trying hard, but fuck do they suck. Oh by the way Kelly, one small tip. Janne Niinimaa's last name is pronounced Nee-ni-ma, not Nee-mi-na. Good luck with it.

So in closing Edmonton, I'd just like to summarize what we've gone over here today. Edmonton — sucky. Cam Cole — too good for words. Actually too good for this rag, too.

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Oilers downgraded from
status as an NHL team

Team allowed
to remain in
the NHL

BY TOM JOHNSTON

EDMONTON • In an unprecedented move in the realm of sports, the Edmonton Oilers have been downgraded to an NHL farm team. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman masterminded the deal and says it should come as no surprise to the Edmonton fans.

"Ever since ... hell, I don't know

when ... the Oilers have just been a farm team for the rest of the league," said Bettman, citing the numerous former Oilers who have been the surprises on other teams. "We just made it official, that's all."

Team hotshot Doug Weight doesn't seem too upset about the deal.

"I don't give a crap about where I play," said the forward. "As long as I get the cash, I play on goddamn Mars."

Mike Grier, who is suffering from a pulled groin (reportedly pulled by the speedy Todd Marchant) talked to us between long shifts in the team steam room.

"My ass hurts ... I gotta start playing better," said Grier. "But Marchant sure can go fast ..."

Feelings in Edmonton are mixed as fans have become more disenchant-

ed with the play of the Oilers in recent weeks, but Oilers' GM Glen Sather continues to hold onto an illusion.

"Today's Edmonton Oilers are the best team in the league ... in the world ... in history," said the obviously deluded GM. "I enjoy my cigars more than Monica Lewinsky ... but Marchant doesn't like the residue."

Ryan Smyth feels his position on the team will be changed drastically. "My oral skills ... in relation to the team have been hampered since the injury," said Smyth, referring to his broken jaw. "But the coach let me play with the team ... and two days later I was [back] on the ice."

Edmonton will now be limited to providing players to the NHL. They will play games against teams in the

NHL, but regardless of the outcome, every game will be considered a loss and they will never be permitted to gain entry into the playoffs.

"Not much of a change from usual," said head coach Ron Lowe. "The fans here are so stupid, they'll go to games even if we don't get two points all goddamn year."

When asked how this would affect the people in Edmonton, Sather said it didn't matter since a deal is a deal. "My team is the best, it doesn't matter where we go," said Sather. "Millions of fans from millions of miles away will come to watch us play."

But Weight is less concerned about the feelings of Edmonton fans. "Fuck them," he said.

The Oilers' first game as a farm team will come this Friday when they challenge—or perhaps they won't—the Buffalo Sabres on home ice. It is a game that Edmonton fans are looking forward to.

"At least now we know they aren't playing their best," said a season ticket holder. "They aren't allowed to win ... and [the fans] don't have to pretend to care."

Edmonton Urinal

LACROSSE LEAGUE
WILL BE BAGGED

LACROSSE

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They won't ever learn what Lacrosse means to me, how it make you feel truly Canadian."

William Hurt-Bonds XVII, the commissioner of the MMSPLL since the league's humble beginnings in 1921 has seen the league grow from a dismal one team-14 player league to what it is today: a five teams with over 50 players.

"We will come back," Hurt-Bonds promised. "I have faith that the government will pull through and help Canada's real national sport."

Government officials, however, had other ideas.

"We're already subsidizing the hell out of the NHL and the CFL," said Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. "Lacrosse, what the fuck is that? That's not a sport. Now, cross country skiing there's a sport that real men play."

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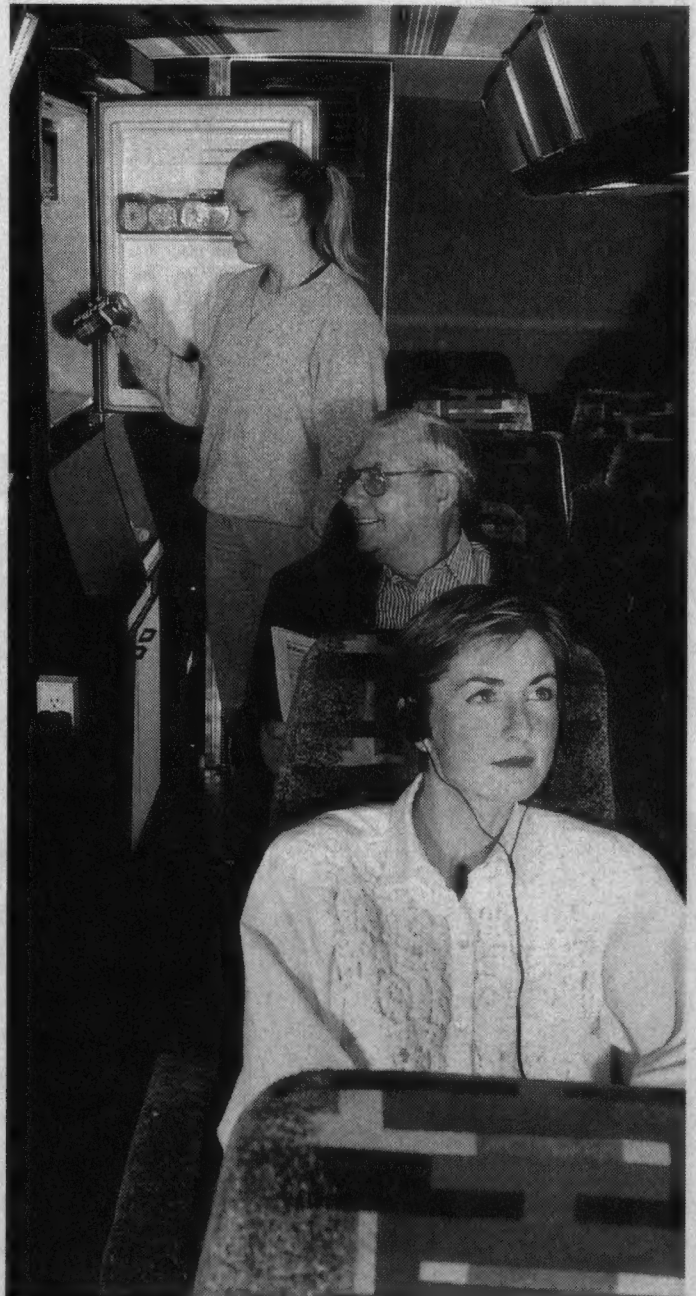
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